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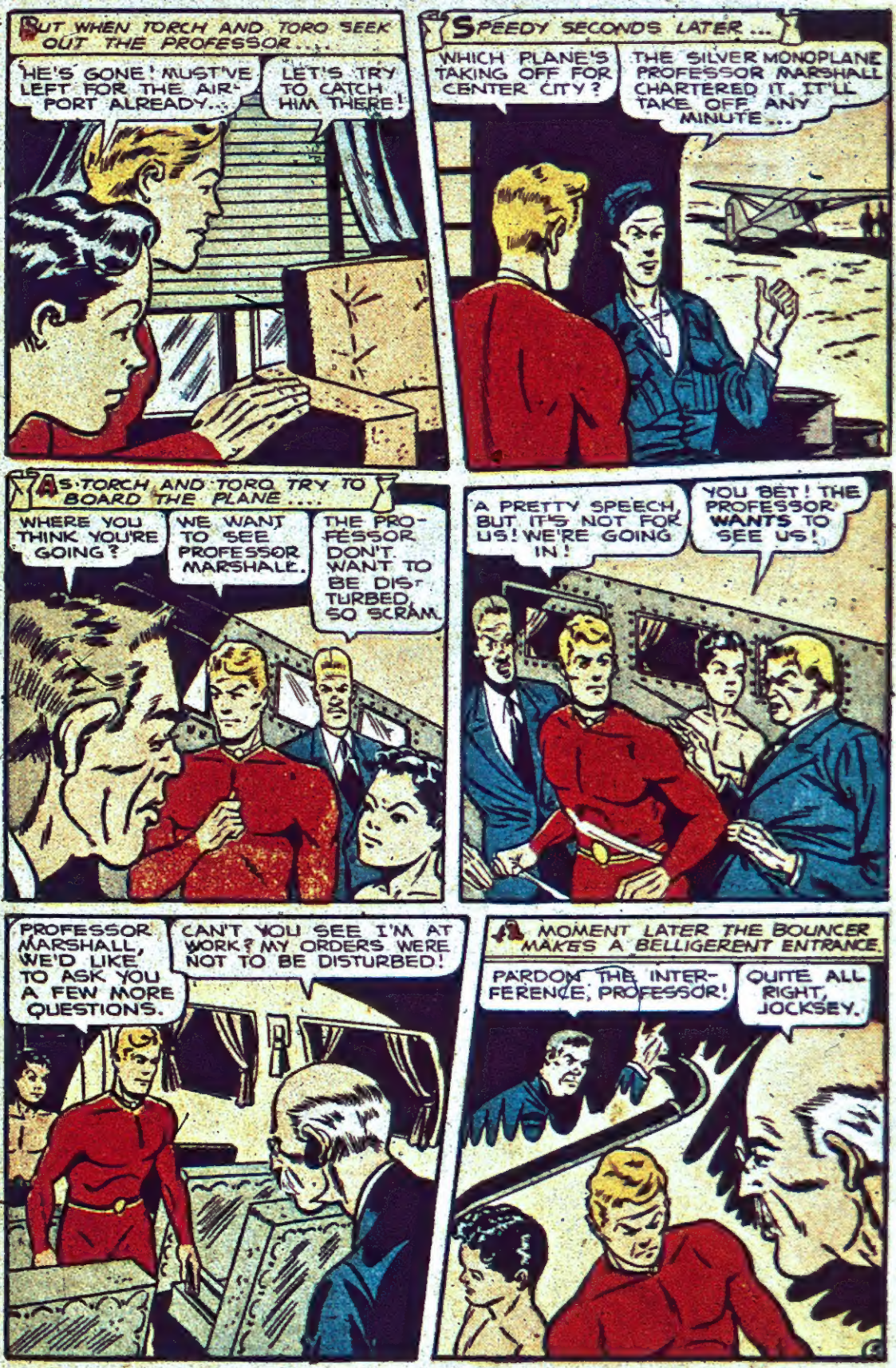
ONE MAN MYSTERIOUSLY VANISHES... A FRIEND BECOMES A STRANGE FOE! AND DIABOLICAL MINIONS OF CRIME STRIKE AGAIN AND AGAIN, WEAVING A TIGHT WEB OF MYSTERY... CLUES ARE SCARCER THAN THE HAIR ON A SNAKE'S HEAD - BUT VIPEROUS PERIL LURKS RAMPANTLY FOR THAT MIGHTY TORRID TEAM - **TORCH** AND **TORO** - IN THEIR RACE TO UNRAVEL THE SINISTER SCHEME OF CRAFTY CRIMESTERS AT WORK ON--

"The AMAZING SWINDLE!"

EARLY ONE EVENING WE FIND TWO FIERY FIGURES SOARING OVER MANHATTAN'S ROOFTOPS!
I WONDER WHY PROFESSOR MARSHALL WANTS TO SEE US, TORCH? HE SAID IT WAS URGENT, DIDN'T HE?
VERY. HE'S ONE OF THE MOST NOTED ECONOMISTS IN THIS COUNTRY - AN AUTHORITY ON HIGH FINANCE, BUT THAT'S CERTAINLY NOT OUR FIELD!
MOMENTS LATER...
I DIDN'T WANT TO GO INTO DETAILS OVER THE PHONE, BUT SOMETHING VERY DISTURBING HAS HAPPENED. MY SECRETARY ERNEST PACKER HAS DISAPPEARED. HE HAS BEEN MY FAITHFUL EMPLOYEE FOR FIVE YEARS. I'M GREATLY WORRIED! WON'T YOU PLEASE FIND HIM?
HERE'S A SNAPSHOT OF HIM. HE'S 36 YEARS OLD, LIGHT COLORING, MEDIUM HEIGHT.. HE LEFT YESTERDAY NOON AND NEVER RETURNED.
HAVE YOU ANY IDEA WHOM HE MIGHT HAVE SEEN?
NO. ALL I KNOW IS HE RECEIVED A PHONE CALL IN THE MORNING, AND I OVERHEARD HIM MENTION THE NAME "BLUE GROTTO" IF YOU CARE TO LOOK AROUND, YOU'RE WELCOME TO DO SO. I'M FLYING TO CENTER CITY TO LECTURE TONIGHT.
WE'LL LOOK AROUND.
IN THE ROOM OF THE MYSTERIOUSLY MISSING SECRETARY...
PLENTY OF CLOTHES HERE.
EVERYTHING DOES SEEM IN PLACE. WE'D BETTER ASK THE PROFESSOR. MORE.


BUT WHEN TORCH AND TORO SEEK OUT THE PROFESSOR....
HE'S GONE! MUST'VE LEFT FOR THE AIR-PORT ALREADY...
LET'S TRY TO CATCH HIM THERE!
SPEEDY SECONDS LATER...
WHICH PLANE'S TAKING OFF FOR CENTER CITY?
THE SILVER MONOPLANE PROFESSOR MARSHALL CHARTERED IT. IT'LL TAKE OFF ANY MINUTE...
AS TORCH AND TORO TRY TO BOARD THE PLANE....
WHERE YOU THINK YOU'RE GOING?
WE WANT TO SEE PROFESSOR MARSHALL.
THE PROFESSOR DON'T WANT TO BE DISTURBED, SO SCRAM.
A PRETTY SPEECH, BUT IT'S NOT FOR US! WE'RE GOING IN!
YOU BET! THE PROFESSOR WANTS TO SEE US!
PROFESSOR MARSHALL, WE'D LIKE TO ASK YOU A FEW MORE QUESTIONS.
CAN'T YOU SEE I'M AT WORK? MY ORDERS WERE NOT TO BE DISTURBED!
A MOMENT LATER THE BOUNCER MAKES A BELLIGERENT ENTRANCE.
PARDON THE INTER-FERENCE, PROFESSOR!
QUITE ALL RIGHT, JOCKSEY.

TAKES SOMETHING LIKE AN IRON CROWBAR TO LEARN 'EM!
CLOSE THE DOOR, WE'RE TAKING OFF!
MINUTES LATER...
THE PROFESSOR - AND THOSE MEN - THE PLANE!
THEY'VE GONE ALREADY, LAD.
MILES AFTER WE FIND THE DUO STREAKING TOWARDS CENTER CITY...
TORCH, LOOK AT THAT SIGNBOARD!
WE'RE IN THIS CASE NOW - AND WE'RE STICKING... WHETHER THE PROFESSOR LIKES IT OR NOT.
DIDN'T MARSHALL SAY HIS SECRETARY MENTIONED "BLUE GROTTO" ON THE PHONE?
HARD TO TELL "BLUE GROTTO" ISN'T AN UNUSUAL NAME.
WELCOME TO CENTER CITY
LIVE AT BLUE GROTTO
APARTMENTS
BUT SPEAK OF THE DEVIL... NOW WE KNOW JUST WHERE WE'RE HEADING! TOWN HALL... IT'S ALMOST 8:30!
WON'T HE BE SURPRISED TO SEE US AGAIN!
HEAR
PROFESSOR MARSHALL
FAMOUS ECONOMIST
TOWN HALL
8:30 P.M.
MAR. C.

TOWN HALL - MECCA OF LEARNING, PATRONIZED BY EAGER THRONGS - BUT WHAT'S THIS? A CROWD OF PEOPLE, GRUMBLING, ANGRY..
FINE THING - CALLING IT OFF THE LAST MINUTE!
NO LECTURE... SOMETHING'S GOING ON!
DON'T SHOVE! YOU'LL GET YOUR REFUND!
COMING SOON
CASHIER
COMING
HURRYING BACKSTAGE, TORCH AND TORO FIND A FURIOUS MANAGER!
I COULD'VE RENTED THE HALL TONIGHT TO DR. LUMHEAD ON MENTAL DISEASES! HE SAID HE WAS ILL, SO HE CANCELS IT JUST 10 MINUTES AGO!
COMING SO
OUTSIDE, A PUZZLED PAIR STOPS TO PONDER.
WHY DID THE PROFESSOR CANCEL HIS SPEECH?
DON'T KNOW! WE HAVEN'T A LEAD... TORO, WHAT ABOUT US TRYING THE "BLUE GROTTO?" IT'S JUST A CHANCE, BUT MAYBE THERE IS SOMETHING IN IT
ONCE MORE THE CHALLENGING CRIME-CRUSHERS ARE ON THE MOVE - AND REACH AN APARTMENT HOUSE SPRAWLED OVER A BLOCK!
GOSH, THERE ARE AT LEAST A DOZEN ENTRANCES! EACH MUST BE A SEPARATE WING!
NOTHING TO DO BUT TRY THE FIRST! LISTEN.. SHOTS!
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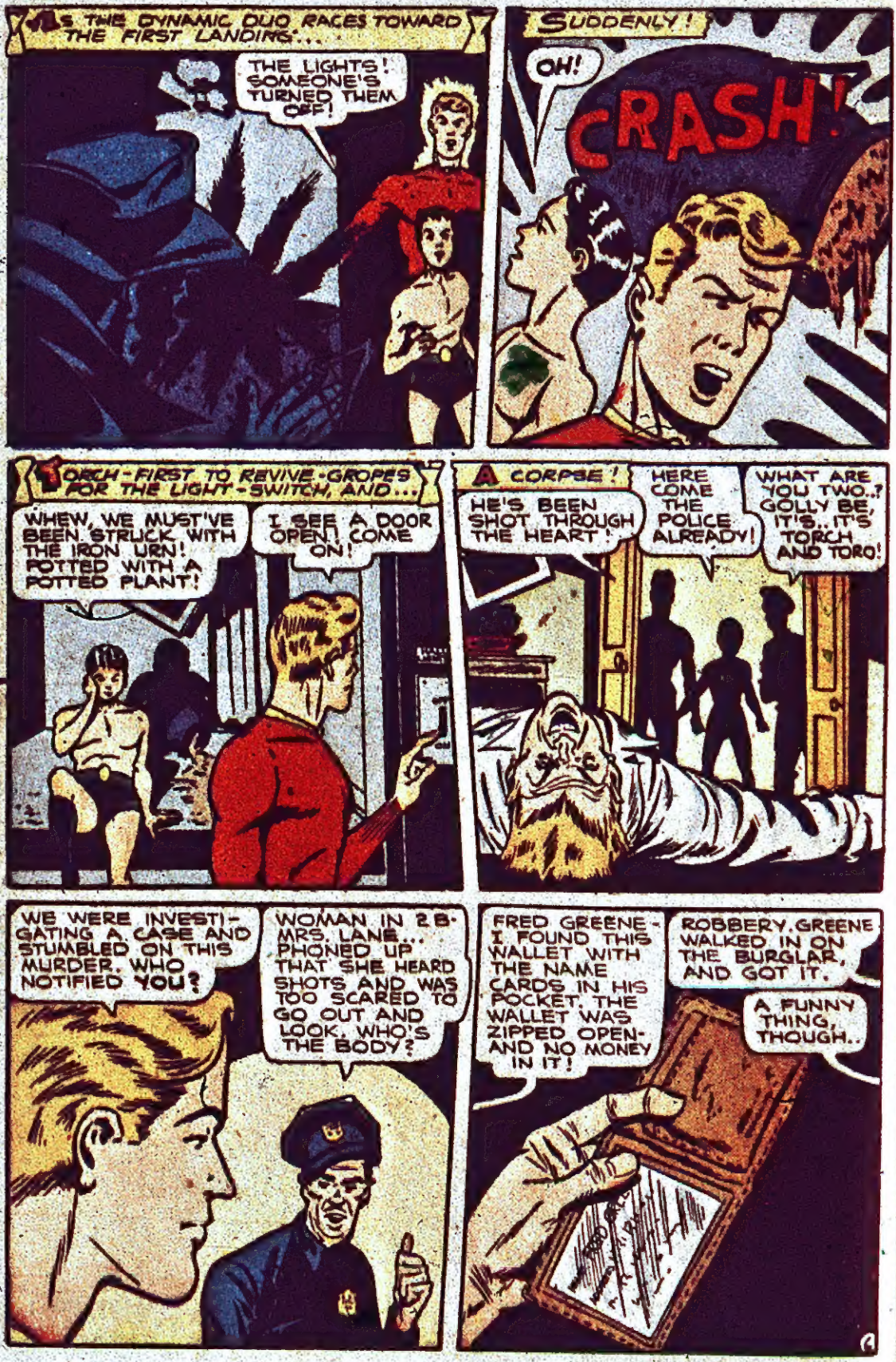
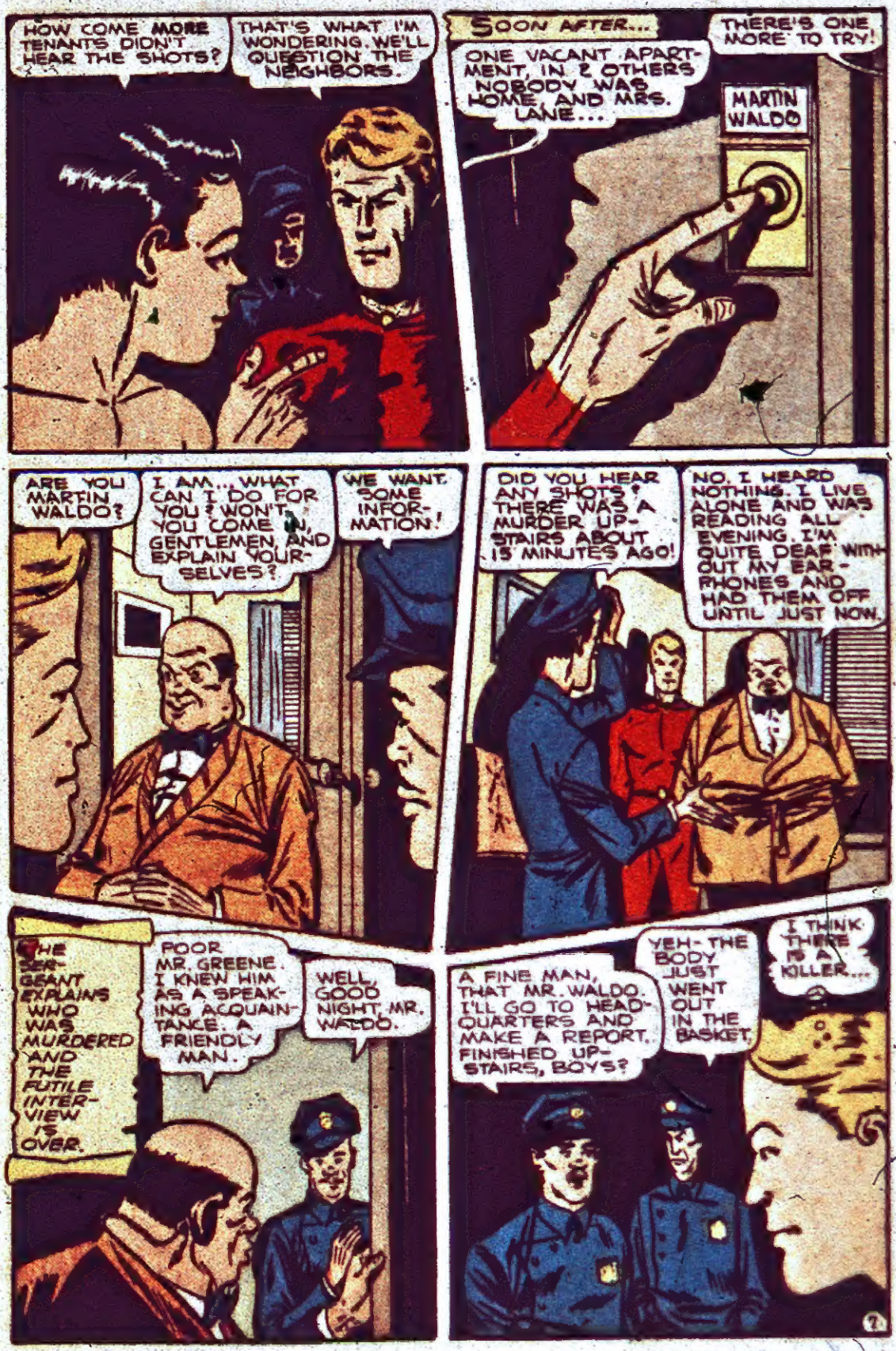

AS THE DYNAMIC DUO RACES TOWARD THE FIRST LANDING...
THE LIGHTS! SOMEONE'S TURNED THEM OFF!
SUDDENLY!
OH!
CRASH!
TORCH - FIRST TO REVIVE - GROPES FOR THE LIGHT - SWITCH, AND...
WHEW, WE MUST'VE BEEN STRUCK WITH THE IRON URN! POTTED WITH A POTTED PLANT!
I SEE A DOOR OPEN! COME ON!
A CORPSE!
HE'S BEEN SHOT THROUGH THE HEART!
HERE COME THE POLICE ALREADY!
WHAT ARE YOU TWO..? GOLLY BE, IT'S..IT'S TORCH AND TORO!
WE WERE INVESTIGATING A CASE AND STUMBLED ON THIS MURDER. WHO NOTIFIED YOU?
WOMAN IN 2 B- MRS. LANE... PHONED UP THAT SHE HEARD SHOTS AND WAS TOO SCARED TO GO OUT AND LOOK. WHO'S THE BODY?
FRED GREENE - I FOUND THIS WALLET WITH THE NAME CARDS IN HIS POCKET. THE WALLET WAS ZIPPED OPEN - AND NO MONEY IN IT!
ROBBERY. GREENE WALKED IN ON THE BURGLAR, AND GOT IT.
A FUNNY THING, THOUGH..


HOW COME MORE TENANTS DIDN'T HEAR THE SHOTS?
THAT'S WHAT I'M WONDERING. WE'LL QUESTION THE NEIGHBORS.
SOON AFTER...
ONE VACANT APARTMENT, IN 2 OTHERS NOBODY WAS HOME AND MRS. LANE...
THERE'S ONE MORE TO TRY!
MARTIN WALDO
ARE YOU MARTIN WALDO?
I AM... WHAT CAN I DO FOR YOU? WON'T YOU COME IN, GENTLEMEN, AND EXPLAIN YOURSELVES?
WE WANT SOME INFORMATION!
DID YOU HEAR ANY SHOTS? THERE WAS A MURDER UPSTAIRS ABOUT 15 MINUTES AGO!
NO, I HEARD NOTHING. I LIVE ALONE AND WAS READING ALL EVENING. I'M QUITE DEAF WITHOUT MY EAR-PHONES AND HAD THEM OFF UNTIL JUST NOW.
THE SERGEANT EXPLAINS WHO WAS MURDERED AND THE FUTILE INTERVIEW IS OVER.
POOR MR. GREENE. I KNEW HIM AS A SPEAKING ACQUAINTANCE. A FRIENDLY MAN.
WELL, GOOD NIGHT, MR. WALDO.
A FINE MAN, THAT MR. WALDO. I'LL GO TO HEADQUARTERS AND MAKE A REPORT. FINISHED UPSTAIRS, BOYS?
YEH- THE BODY JUST WENT OUT IN THE BASKET.
I THINK THERE WAS A KILLER...
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WHEN THE POLICE LEAVE..
TORO, JUST BEFORE WE LEFT WALDO'S, I NOTICED A SMUDGE OF SAND ON HIS TROUSER CUFF- THE SAME KIND THAT CAME FROM THE POTTED URN. WE'LL GO BACK AND MAKE HIM TALK! GET HIM UNAWARES!
AT THE SAME TIME...
GOT TO TIP OFF WALDO!
ONCE MORE TORCH RINGS THE BUZZER OF /A...
BACK AGAIN, GENTLEMEN? I WAS JUST PREPARING TO RETIRE!
SUDDENLY!
ULP!
HEY!
YES! WE READIED OURSELVES FOR YOU. THESE ARE ASBESTOS BAGS, SO IT WILL BE USELESS FOR YOU TO TRY TO FLAME.
THEY'LL BE SUFFOCATED TO DEATH VERY SOON. WELL DISPOSE OF THE BODIES WHEN WE RETURN.
WE BETTER HURRY, WALDO, TO GET TO CLUB SIXTY. IT'S ALMOST TIME FOR THE PROF'S SPEECH!
SPEECH?
THE PROFESSOR WILL TALK TO A SPECIALLY INVITED AUDIENCE, FOR WHICH WE ARE APPROPRIATELY DRESSED. HIS TALK MEANS A FORTUNE FOR ALL OF US. READY, MEN? JOCKSEY, SWITCH OFF THE LIGHTS.
SURE...ALL SET FOR THE SUCKERS!
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DARKNESS SHROUDS THE ASBESTOS BAGS, AS THE SINISTER GROUP HASTENS AWAY!
GOSH, NOT MUCH AIR LEFT... LOOKS LIKE--LIKE WE'RE DONE FOR...
THERE MAY BE A CHANCE. MENTION OF LIGHT GAVE ME AN IDEA. I'VE GOT TO MOVE AROU
AUT MUSCLES EXERT TO THE UTMOST..AND..
TORCH, WHAT ARE DOING?
LOOKING FOR THE LIGHT SWITCH. THERE, I FOUND IT!
THEN..
OFFICER, IS SOMETHING WRONG IN THAT APARTMENT? THE LIGHT IS TURNING OFF AND ON!
I'LL GO INVES-TIGATE.
MAYBE SPIES AT WORK!
HEY! WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?
GET US OUT-QUICK!
WHY, IT'S TORCH! WHO DONE THIS TO YOU?
A KILLER BY THE NAME OF WALDO, AND HIS HENCHMEN. NOW TO GET OVER TO THE CLUB SIXTY!
THROUGH THE NIGHT, OVER ROOFTOPS, ROCKET THE BLAZING CRIME-BUSTERS!
WHAT IS HAPPENING, TORCH? AND HOW'S THE PROFESSOR HOOKED UP WITH WALDO?
PATIENCE, BOY! WE SHOULD HAVE THE ANSWER SOON NOW!

TORCH AND TORO EFFECT A CAUTIOUS ENTRANCE.
VERY WEALTHY SET..MM..
SOME SWANK CROWD.. ERMINES, JEWELS...
PROFESSOR MARSHALL LECT ON ECONOMICS
AH, TO RESUME..LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, I REPEAT-OFF THE RECORD-THAT A PERIOD OF HIGH INFLATION IS DUE SOON.. THE DOLLAR WILL DROP TO LESS THAN HALF ITS VALUE..YOUR WISEST MOVE TO PROTECT YOUR MONEY IS TO INVEST IN AMONGACONDA SILVER. FOR THOSE WHO ARE INTERESTED, THE AMONGACONDA OFFICE IS AT 203 CENTER ST.
INTERESTED? WE COULDN'T HAVE A BETTER AUTHORITY THAN THE PROFESSOR. I'LL INVEST $50,000 IN THE MORNING!
WHAT A SWINDLE!
WHAT A BREAK!
TORCH-ALIVE! IT'S ALL UP!
NOT SO FAST!
SCATTER, MEN!
SO YOU WANTED TO MAKE A KILLING? THIS'LL SLAY YOU!
TORCH! THE PROF! HE'S GETTING AWAY!

LEAVING THE DAZED CRIME QUINTET ENCIRCLED BY FLAME-ROPES, THE FIERY FIGHTERS ARE SOON IN HOT PURSUIT OF THE LECTURER!
I'LL STOP THEM NOW-WITH MY TRUMP CARD!
S. TORCH AND TORO RACE INTO THE ROOM...
ANOTHER PROFESSOR! WHY THAT'S THE REAL MARSHALL-HELD A PRISONER!
RIGHT! I TOOK HIS PLACE-AND IF YOU WANT HIM TO DIE...
ORCH STARTS THE FAN...
JUST MAKE ONE MOVE TO CAPTURE ME, AND I'LL VENTILATE HIM WITH MY GUN! IF YOU WANT HIM TO LIVE, GET OUT!
AUSING A MASS OF SWIRLING PAPERS...
HEY! I CAN'T SEE!
BUT YOU CAN FEEL THIS!
SPLAT!

GOOD HEAVENS! IT'S PARKER, MY SECRETARY! THUGS SPIRITED ME OUT OF MY HOUSE WHILE I WAS PACKING TO LEAVE FOR THE AIRPORT... WHAT HAPPENED?
PLENTY—I THAT THE POLICE WILL WANT TO KNOW!
I'M GOING BACK FOR WALDO!
SOME OF THEM SOCIETY FOLKS CALLED ME ABOUT BEING SWINDLED. WE GOT WALDO AND HIS MEN ALL HANDCUFFED.
AT HEADQUARTERS...
SO YOU KIDNAPPED THE PROF, CALLED OFF HIS LECTURE, AND STAGED A PHONY ONE.
WE KNEW THEY'D LISTEN TO THE PROFESSOR'S ADVICE. WE'D CLEAN UP ON THEIR INVESTMENTS.
WHY DID YOU KILL GREENE? WAS HE IN ON IT, TOO?
YES, BUT HE SHOWED SIGNS OF WEAKENING. WE WERE AFRAID HE'D SQUEAL. AND WE WERE PLANNING SUCH BIG THINGS!
THE FOLLOWING NIGHT...
AS YOU ALL KNOW, I WOULDN'T BE ALIVE NOW IF IT WEREN'T FOR TORCH AND TORO. LAST NIGHT A MAN IMPERSONATING ME TOLD AN AUDIENCE THAT INFLATION IS INEVITABLE SOON. NONSENSE! THERE WILL BE NO INFLATION AS LONG AS PRICES ARE NOT PERMITTED TO SKY-ROCKET. AND ABOUT INVESTMENTS...
INVEST IN SOUND BUSINESS ENTERPRISES AND GOVERNMENT BONDS. STOCKS LIE IDLE, BUT FLOURISHING BUSINESSES MEAN MORE EMPLOYMENT. YOU'LL NOT ONLY GET DIVIDENDS IN A SOUND BUSINESS, BUT YOU'LL BE AIDING NATIONAL PROSPERITY BY CREATING MORE JOBS!
THE END

THE HUMAN TORCH
AS MYSTERIOUS FIRES RAGE, HEAT HITS A NEW HIGH IN TEMPERATURE...AND CRIME HITS A NEW LOW IN FIENDISH MENACE! AND THE ADVENTURES OF THOSE TWO FEARLESS FLAMING TORCH AND TORO, CLIMB IN POWER-PACKED CLIMAXES TO NEW HEIGHTS OF PERILOUS THRILLS AS THE DARING DUO WITH BLASTING BLAZING FISTS AND KEEN WITS TACKLES THE CASE OF THE...
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FIREBUG TERROR!

IN THE NEW YORK APARTMENT OF TORCH AND TORO---TORO LIGHT-HEARTEDLY TUNES ON THE RADIO.

NEWS FLASH... AN 8-ALARM FIRE IS NOW RAGING AT THE WAREHOUSE OF HIGRADE IMPORT COMPANY, NEAR SOUTH PIER. JOHN DRAKE, WATCHMAN, HAS BEEN MISSING SINCE THE FIRE BROKE OUT...

DRAKE HAD FORMERLY SERVED A PRISON TERM UNDER CONVICTION FOR ARSON. HAS DRAKE'S OLD MANIA FOR SETTING FIRES RETURNED? HE IS ABOUT 5 FT. 8, GREYING HAIR, THIN AND WORE A BLUE SUIT WHEN LAST SEEN... AND NOW ANOTHER ENGINE HAS ARRIVED TO FIGHT THE TERRIFIC BLAZE!

IN METEORIC SECONDS, TWO BOLTS OF HUMAN FLAME ROCKET TO A SCENE OF RAMPAGING FIRE!

WE'LL DO WHAT WE CAN.

GLAD YOU'VE COME, BOYS. THE WAREHOUSE CAN'T BE SAVED, BUT WE ARE AFRAID THE FIRE WILL SPREAD. IT'LL WRECK THE WHOLE PIER!

THE COMET PAIR SWIRLS ABOUT THEIR BLAZING BODIES FORMING SUCCESSFUL BARRIERS AGAINST THE FLAMES!

GUESS IT'S ALL OUT NOW!

YES, DANGER'S OVER! YOU SURE CHECKED THAT FIRE!

GOSH, THE WAREHOUSE IS A WRECK!

A MOMENT LATER THE POLICE CONFER WITH TORCH AND TORO

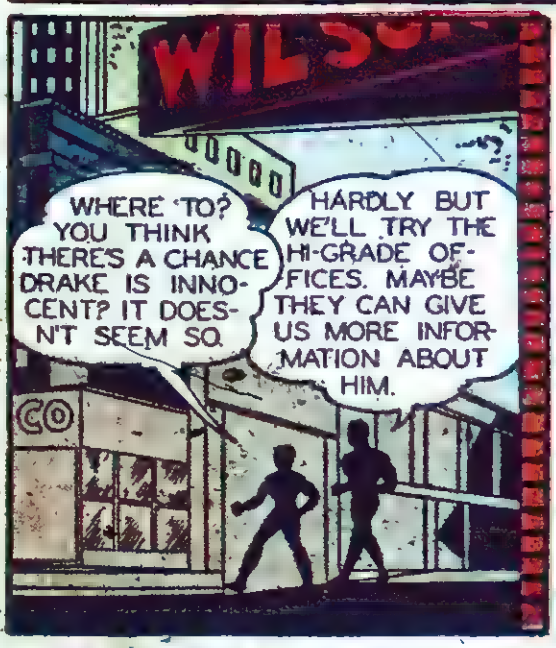
WE FOUND A FRAGMENT OF CLOTH SOAKED WITH KEROSENE. THAT MUST'VE STARTED THE FIRE. IT'S THE WORK OF THAT WATCHMAN DRAKE, ALL RIGHT. HIS OTHER ACT OF ARSON WAS COMMITTED IN JUST THE SAME WAY.

WAS HE A WAREHOUSE WATCHMAN THEN, TOO?

YES, HE WAS AT THE WESTVIEW STORAGE CO. HE SERVED A 6-YEAR PRISON TERM FOR SETTING A FIRE THERE.
BUT HE WAS INNOCENT! HE WAS PUNISHED FOR A CRIME HE DIDN'T COMMIT!
WHO--WHO'S THIS?

I'M JOHN DRAKE'S DAUGHTER LOUISE. MY FATHER HAS ALWAYS SAID HE DID NOT SET THE WESTVIEW FIRE--AND I'M SURE HE DIDN'T SET THIS ONE EITHER. HE WAS SO OVERJOYED TO BE HIRED HERE. HE HAD A HARD TIME GETTING A JOB. HE WOULDN'T THROW IT AWAY LIKE THIS. IT'S NOT LOGICAL.

YOU WON'T FIND LOGIC IN ANY FIREBUG'S MIND. THEY START FIRES BECAUSE THEY GET A CRAVING TO WATCH 'EM. WE'LL FIND DRAKE. I HAVE PUT OUT A DRAGNET.
COME ON, TORO. WE'RE GOING TO DO A LITTLE INQUIRING. OURSELVES.


WHERE TO? YOU THINK THERE'S A CHANCE DRAKE IS INNOCENT? IT DOESN'T SEEM SO.
HARDLY BUT WE'LL TRY THE HI-GRADE OFFICES. MAYBE THEY CAN GIVE US MORE INFORMATION ABOUT HIM.

SOON AFTER IN THE OFFICE OF JAY KELSEY, HI-GRADE'S PRESIDENT.
THIS FIRE WAS TRAGIC. I LOST A $125,000 SHIPMENT OF SILK MATERIALS IN THAT WAREHOUSE. IT HAD BEEN DELIVERED JUST THE DAY BEFORE. IT WAS HARD TO GET AND CAN'T BE REPLACED.
TOO BAD... BUT...

WHY WAS JOHN DRAKE WITH HIS RECORD FOR ARSON...HIRED TO WATCH OVER SUCH VALUABLE PROPERTY?
I KNOW NOTHING ABOUT HIM OR HIS RECORD.... HERE'S ADAMS OUR PERSONNEL MAN WHO TAKES CARE OF THAT.... ADAMS, WHY DID YOU HIRE DRAKE?
I THOUGHT HE WAS O.K. HE SHOWED ME A LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION FROM A WELL-KNOWN CALIFORNIA CO. AND SAID HE'D BEEN WORKING THERE THE PAST 6 YEARS.
THE LETTER MUST'VE BEEN FAKED. HE WAS IN JAIL DURING THAT TIME.
THE ONLY THING TO DO IS TO FIND HIM. COME ON, TORO. WE'LL LOOK AROUND.
IT'S DANGEROUS FOR A MAN LIKE THAT TO BE RUNNING AROUND LOOSE.
AS THE TORRID TWOSOME SOARS OVER STREETS
THEY SIGHT LOUISE!
LOUISE! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE? IS THIS YOUR HOME?
YES...I HOPED MY FATHER HAD COME BACK. WON'T YOU TWO HELP ME?
YES, BUT WE CAN'T PROMISE. THE TRUTH WILL CLEAR HIM. MAYBE YOU CAN HELP US FIND HIM. WHAT ARE SOME OF HIS HAUNTS?
BATTERY PARK. MY FATHER LIKED TO WALK THERE. AND JOE'S DINER, ON VARICK ST. AND...
FURNISHED WITH A LIST OF POSSIBILITIES, THE CRIME-FIGHTERS MOVE ON...BUT.
THOSE TWO SNOOPERS ARE NEARLY OUT OF SIGHT.
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SOMETIME LATER...
NOT A TRACE OF DRAKE...LET'S RETURN TO HI-GRADE. MAYBE THEY'VE FOUND OUT SOMETHING.
GOOD IDEA!
BACK AT KELSEY'S, TORCH AND TORO MEET ANOTHER VISITOR.
THIS IS MR. WARNER OF THE SAFETY INSURANCE CO. HOW SOON WILL OUR CLAIM GO THRU?
IN A WEEK... BUT I MUST FIRST HAVE PROOF.
WE BOUGHT THE SHIPMENT FROM EASTERN SILK CO. AND PAID IN ADVANCE. I'M SURE THEY HAVE THE RECEIPTS.
TORO AND I'VE NOTHING SPECIAL TO DO. WE'LL GET THE RECEIPTS.
FINE. I'LL WAIT HERE.
STREAKING NORTHWARD, THEY PASS OVER THE DRAKE HOME. WHERE THEY SEE..
HI, SERGEANT! WHAT'S NEW?
PLENTY! I CAME BY TO QUESTION THE GIRL...BUT SHE'S GONE! HER LANDLADY HERE SAYS LOUISE GOT INTO A CAR WITH 2 MEN AN HOUR AGO!
I COULDN'T SEE WHO THEY WERE.
I'LL BET ONE OF 'EM IS DRAKE-MAKING A GET-AWAY WITH HER.
IT'S HARD TO SAY FOR SURE. THIS THING'S GOT ME PUZZLED. WELL, LET'S GET ON WITH OUR ERRAND, TORO!
SHORTLY AFTER THE BLAZING TEAM ARRIVES AT EASTERN SILK...
WE'LL CONSULT THE SHIPPING DEPARTMENT HM.. WONDER IF THIS TRUCK MADE THE DELIVERY?
WE'LL STOP THOSE SNOOPERS!
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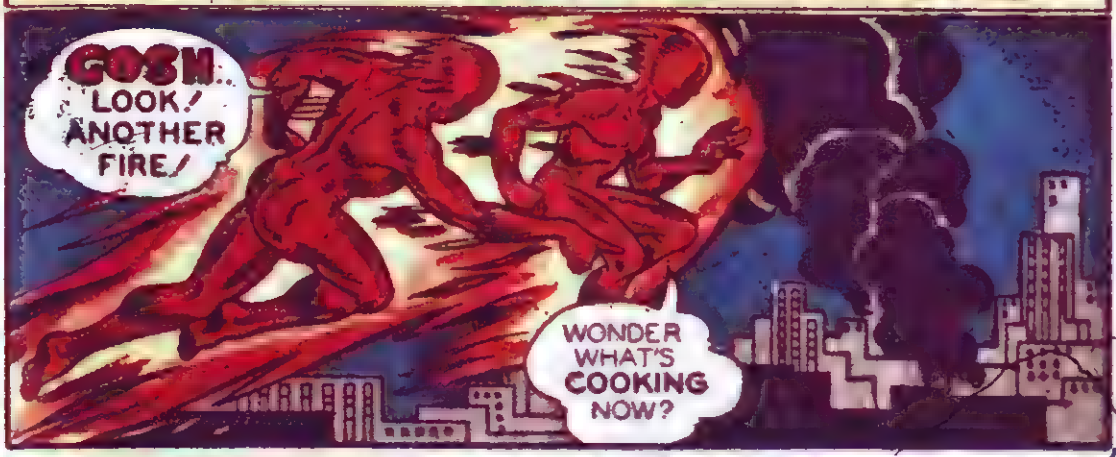
AS THE ASSAILANTS APPROACH STEATHILY.. CROWBARS IN HAND..
JIG'S UP! WE SAW YOUR REFLECTION ON THE TRUCK!
WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?
YOU'RE TORCH AND TORO. I'M GEORGE MERTON, THE MANAGER HERE. THESE MEN--LON AND WALLY OWE YOU AN APOLOGY. THEY THOUGHT YOU WERE SNOOPERS--
--OUT TO STEAL THE TRUCK..
SOUNDS FLIMSY TO ME BUT I'LL BUY IT FOR NOW.
TORCH & TORO STATE THEIR MISSION --AND GET A REPLY..
I DELIVERED THE SILKS AT 530 P.M. YESTERDAY. DRAKE SIGNED FOR THEM AND WE UNLOADED IN THE WAREHOUSE..
THANKS!
AS THE FLAMING PALS STREAK AWAY---
THERE GO TORCH AND TORO. YOU BE CAREFUL ABOUT PLAYING ROUGH OR YOU'LL QUEER THE SET-UP!
IT'S O.K. THEY DON'T SUSPECT NOTHING.
AT THE SAME TIME...
FUNNY, THE WAY THAT TRUCK-DRIVER AND HIS ASSISTANT WENT AFTER US. SOMETHING'S FISHY!
I DIDN'T LIKE THEIR EXPLANATION, EITHER WE'LL TURN OVER THIS RECEIPT TO HI-GRADE, AND PAY THEM ANOTHER VISIT.

SOON THE PUNCH-PACKED PAIR COMPLETES THE MISSION TO HI-GRADE. BUT AS THEY LEAVE THE OFFICE---



A METEORIC FLIGHT AND TORCH AND TORO REACH THE BURNING STRUCTURE.

WE SPOTTED HIM RUNNING FROM HERE! TALK, DRAKE! YOU SET THIS FIRE--AND THE HI-GRADE ONE!
YES--YES! I STARTED BOTH OF THEM! I--I LIKE TO WATCH FIRES!

YOU'RE RIGHT, TORCH. HE WAS AWFULLY ANXIOUS TO--SAY, THERE'S LON DRIVING AWAY!
IN A BATTERED TRUCK! WONDER HOW THAT HAPPENED?
STOP
IN A FLASH, FLAMING FIGURES TWIRL FIRE-ROPES---
SORRY TO BOTHER YOU, LON, BUT WE'RE CURIOUS. HOW'D YOUR TRUCK GET BANGED UP?
HAD A COLLISION YESTERDAY. BUT IT IS NONE OF YER BUSINESS.
THE CRIME-SMASHING DUO RELEASES THE ANGRY LON...
WHAT GOOD DID ASKING ABOUT THE ACCIDENT DO?
IT'S MADE ME WONDER WHERE AND WHEN THAT COLLISION TOOK PLACE...WE'RE GOING TO INQUIRE AT HEADQUARTERS!
NOT LONG AFTER...
LON HORTON, EH? YES, HERE'S THE REPORT. HIS TRUCK HIT A SEDAN AT 1030 LAST NIGHT AT PERRY AND 6TH AVE. THE DRIVER OF THE SEDAN REPORTED IT. SAID HORTON BACKED OUT THERE SUDDENLY.
JUST WHAT I WANTED TO KNOW! THANKS.
WITH BREATH-TAKING SPEED, THE FIRE-BRANDS ROCKET TO...
WHERE TO NOW?
PERRY AND 6TH... LON SAID HE MADE HIS LAST DELIVERY AT 5:30 P.M. YESTERDAY. THEN WHAT WAS THE TRUCK DOING OUT AT 10:30--NOWHERE NEAR THE EASTERN WAREHOUSE? I WANT TO KNOW WHERE IT CAME FROM!
AT PERRY AND 6TH TORCH & TORO FIND...
AN ABANDONED WAREHOUSE! WE ARE GOING IN TO LOOK FOR SOMETHING SPECIAL! THIS BEGINS TO FIT TOGETHER!
HOW? I DON'T GET IT!
CLOSED
CAREFULLY THEY INVADE THE PLACE...
NOTHING BUT EMPTY CRATES AND WRAPPING STUFF. HM. RUBBER BANDS. IS THIS WHAT YOU'RE LOOKING FOR?
NO. LET'S TRY THAT PADLOCKED DOOR
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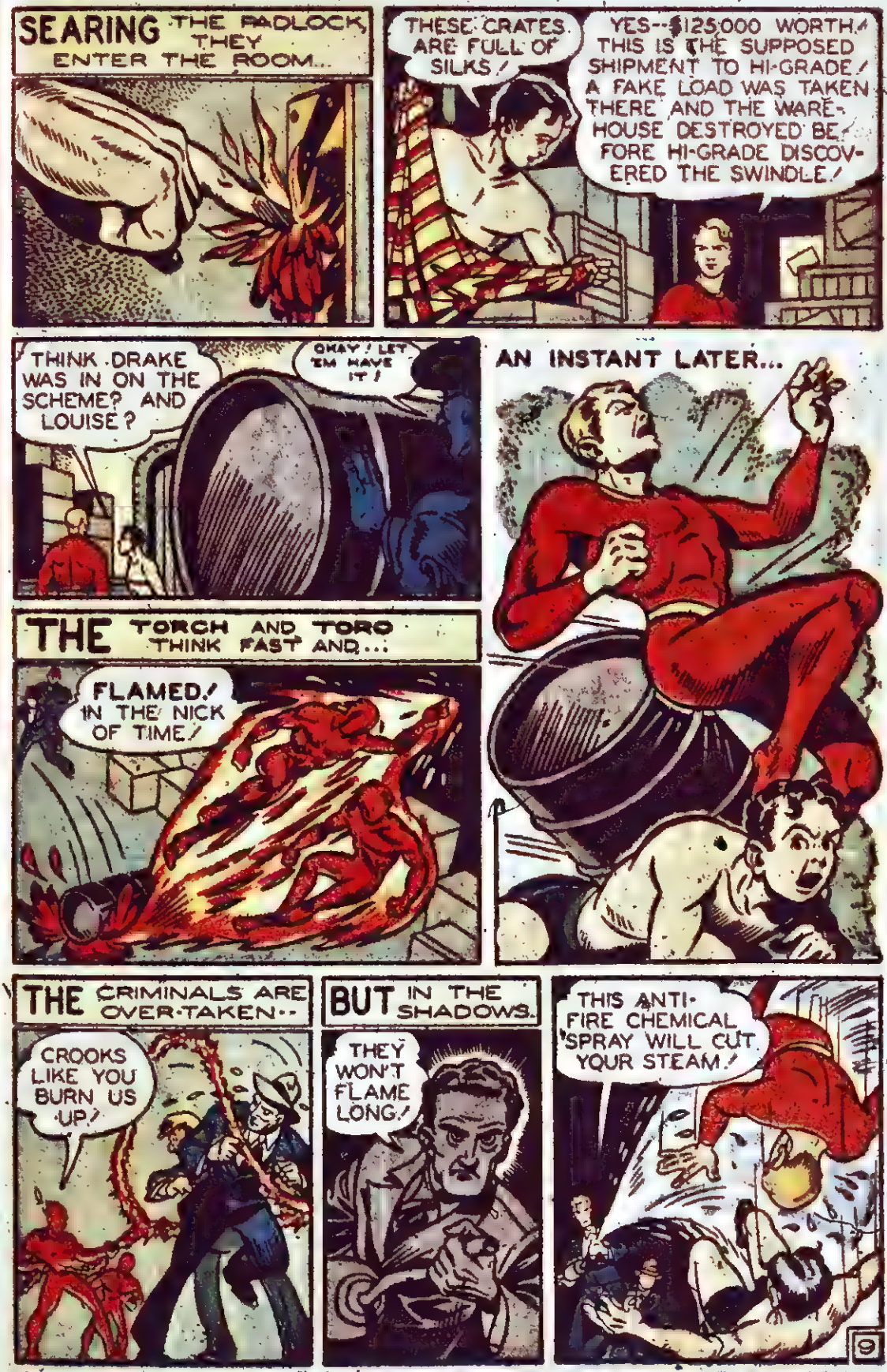
SEARING THE PADLOCK, THEY ENTER THE ROOM...
THESE CRATES ARE FULL OF SILKS!
YES--$125,000 WORTH! THIS IS THE SUPPOSED SHIPMENT TO HI-GRADE! A FAKE LOAD WAS TAKEN THERE AND THE WAREHOUSE DESTROYED BEFORE HI-GRADE DISCOVERED THE SWINDLE!
THINK DRAKE WAS IN ON THE SCHEME? AND LOUISE?
OKAY! LET 'EM HAVE IT!
AN INSTANT LATER...
THE TORCH AND TORO THINK FAST AND...
FLAMED! IN THE NICK OF TIME!
THE CRIMINALS ARE OVER-TAKEN--
CROOKS LIKE YOU BURN US UP!
BUT IN THE SHADOWS...
THEY WON'T FLAME LONG!
THIS ANTI-FIRE CHEMICAL 'SPRAY WILL CUT YOUR STEAM!
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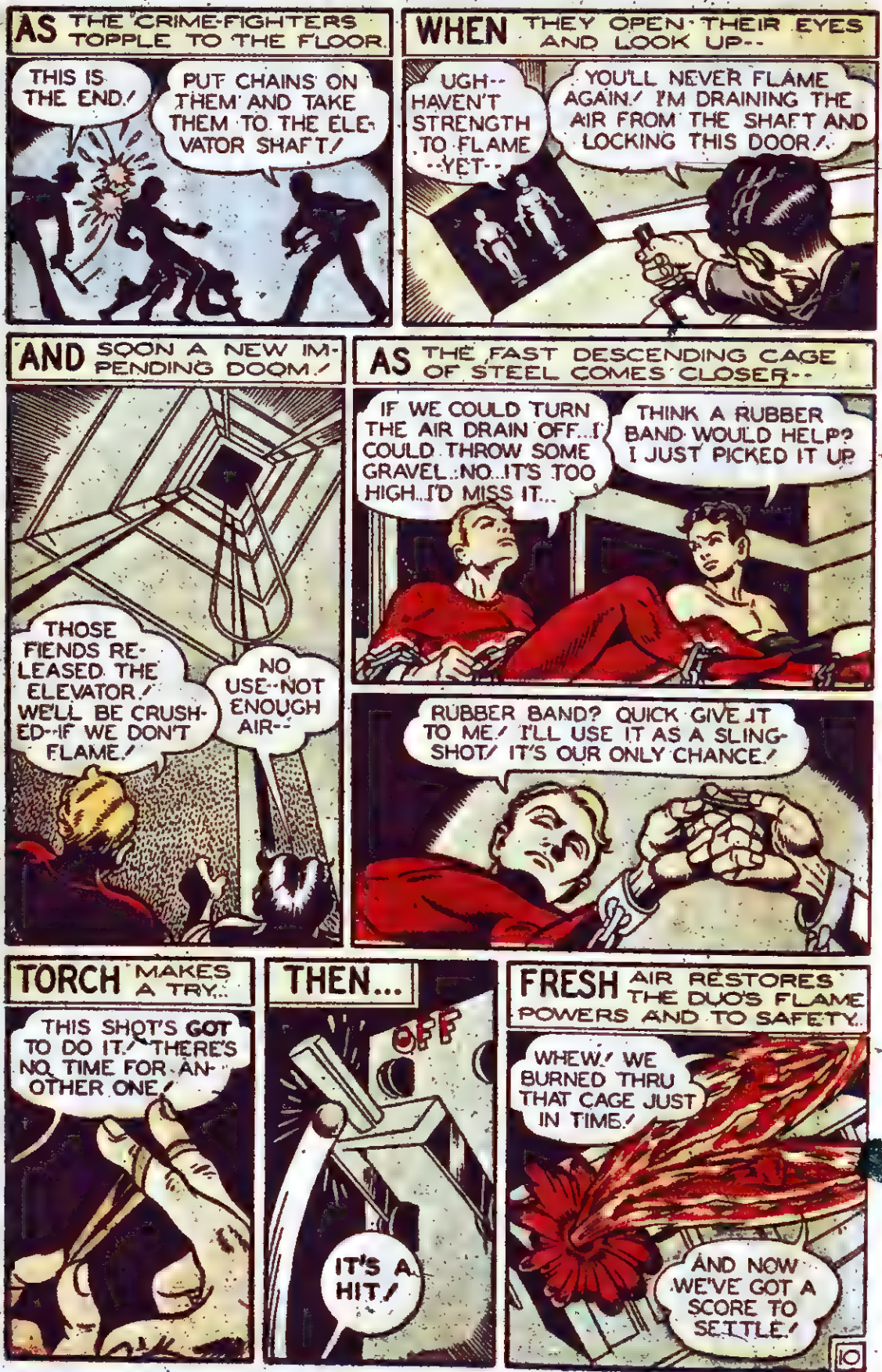
AS THE CRIME-FIGHTERS TOPPLE TO THE FLOOR
THIS IS THE END./
PUT CHAINS ON THEM AND TAKE THEM TO THE ELEVATOR SHAFT/
WHEN THEY OPEN THEIR EYES AND LOOK UP--
UGH-- HAVEN'T STRENGTH TO FLAME --YET--
YOU'LL NEVER FLAME AGAIN./ I'M DRAINING THE AIR FROM THE SHAFT AND LOCKING THIS DOOR./
AND SOON A NEW IMPENDING DOOM./
THOSE FIENDS RELEASED THE ELEVATOR./ WE'LL BE CRUSHED--IF WE DON'T FLAME./
NO USE--NOT ENOUGH AIR--
AS THE FAST DESCENDING CAGE OF STEEL COMES CLOSER--
IF WE COULD TURN THE AIR DRAIN OFF...I COULD THROW SOME GRAVEL..NO..IT'S TOO HIGH..I'D MISS IT...
THINK A RUBBER BAND WOULD HELP? I JUST PICKED IT UP
RUBBER BAND? QUICK GIVE IT TO ME./ I'LL USE IT AS A SLINGSHOT/ IT'S OUR ONLY CHANCE./
TORCH MAKES A TRY...
THIS SHOT'S GOT TO DO IT./ THERE'S NO TIME FOR ANOTHER ONE./
THEN...
OFF
IT'S A HIT/
FRESH AIR RESTORES THE DUO'S FLAME POWERS AND TO SAFETY.
WHEW./ WE BURNED THRU THAT CAGE JUST IN TIME./
AND NOW WE'VE GOT A SCORE TO SETTLE./
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YOUR EMBARRASSING SKIN CONDITION MAY BE OVERCOME!

PIMPLES CLEARED BLACKHEADS CHECKED

This Easy, Safe, New Way OR DOUBLE YOUR MONEY BACK!

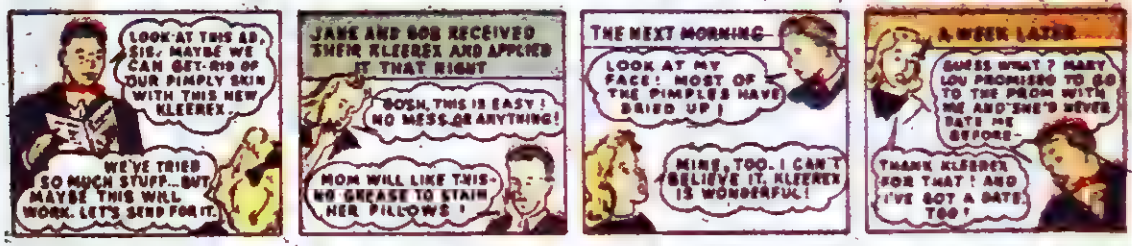
CROSS OFF YOUR UNPLEASANT "HICKEY" PROBLEM TODAY TEST THE THRILLING NEW KLEEREX METHOD

★ OVERNIGHT YOU SHOULD SEE A MIRACULOUS DIFFERENCE IN THE APPEARANCE OF YOUR SKIN NOW BLEMISHED WITH PIMPLES OF EXTERNAL ORIGIN!

So easy to use.. Harmless.. Greaseless!

Do you want a clearer complexion, free from acne itch, unsightly pimples and blackheads that cause so many fellows and girls embarrassment? Don't let blemishes of outward origin make you self-conscious, cause you unhappiness and mar your normal good looks. Now you, too, may enjoy clearer, smoother, healthier looking skin by making this simple overnight test with KLEEREX, the amazing new skin lotion that actually helps clear up acne itch, pimples and blemishes, externally caused; and tends to check blackheads. KLEEREX is so easy to use that you'll be amazed! No more fussing with messy preparations. Greaseless, liquid KLEEREX dries on skin, leaves no stains on pillows or clothing! In the morning, you should see a remarkable difference in the very appearance of your skin! The skillfully blended medicated ingredients in KLEEREX are perfectly safe; contains no mercury, nothing harmful. Make this convincing test and prove to yourself that KLEEREX may dry up your pimples and clear them up sooner than you ever dreamed possible. Remember, noticeable results are guaranteed or double your money back! Just mail the coupon now.

IF YOU WANT A CLEARER COMPLEXION, DO WHAT JANE AND BOB DID:


LOOK AT THIS AD, SIS. MAYBE WE CAN GET RID OF OUR PIMPLY SKIN WITH THIS NEW KLEEREX
WE'VE TRIED SO MUCH STUFF...BUT MAYBE THIS WILL WORK. LET'S SEND FOR IT.
JANE AND BOB RECEIVED THEIR KLEEREX AND APPLIED IT THAT NIGHT
GOSH, THIS IS EASY! NO MESS OR ANYTHING!
MOM WILL LIKE THIS— NO GREASE TO STAIN HER PILLOWS!
THE NEXT MORNING
LOOK AT MY FACE! MOST OF THE PIMPLES HAVE DRIED UP!
MINE, TOO. I CAN'T BELIEVE IT. KLEEREX IS WONDERFUL!
A WEEK LATER
GUESS WHAT? MARY LOU PROMISED TO GO TO THE PROM WITH ME AND SHE'D NEVER DATE ME BEFORE—
THANK KLEEREX FOR THAT! AND I'VE GOT A DATE, TOO!

IF YOU DON'T SEE A DEFINITE CHANGE IN YOUR SKIN'S APPEARANCE OVERNIGHT YOU GET THIS WONDERFUL BONUS!

KLEEREX has the enthusiastic praise of thousands of users who, to their thrilled surprise, found their skin clearer, smoother and fresher-looking after first application. Don't put up with acne itch, pimples and blackheads any longer. Make this easy test right away and then see the difference yourself. If your externally caused blemishes aren't quickly dried, if KLEEREX doesn't help clear your skin, return and get DOUBLE yes DOUBLE YOUR MONEY BACK! Act now—mail coupon today.

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Meet people unashamed and self-confident, when skin looks clearer. Send for your trial of KLEEREX on the special introductory offer that may mean so much to your future happiness, popularity and good looks. Send no money. Just mail coupon. Upon arrival of package, pay postman only $1.00 plus postage. Cash orders sent postpaid. If you aren't thrilled with the different appearance of your skin, return package and get DOUBLE your money back. Don't wait. Mail the coupon now!

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I want to test KLEEREX to help clear up pimples, acne itch, externally caused. I'll pay postman $1.00 plus 8¢ tax plus postage on arrival with understanding that I may return package for DOUBLE MY MONEY BACK if not satisfied. ☐ $1.00 enclosed with coupon (save you pay postage).

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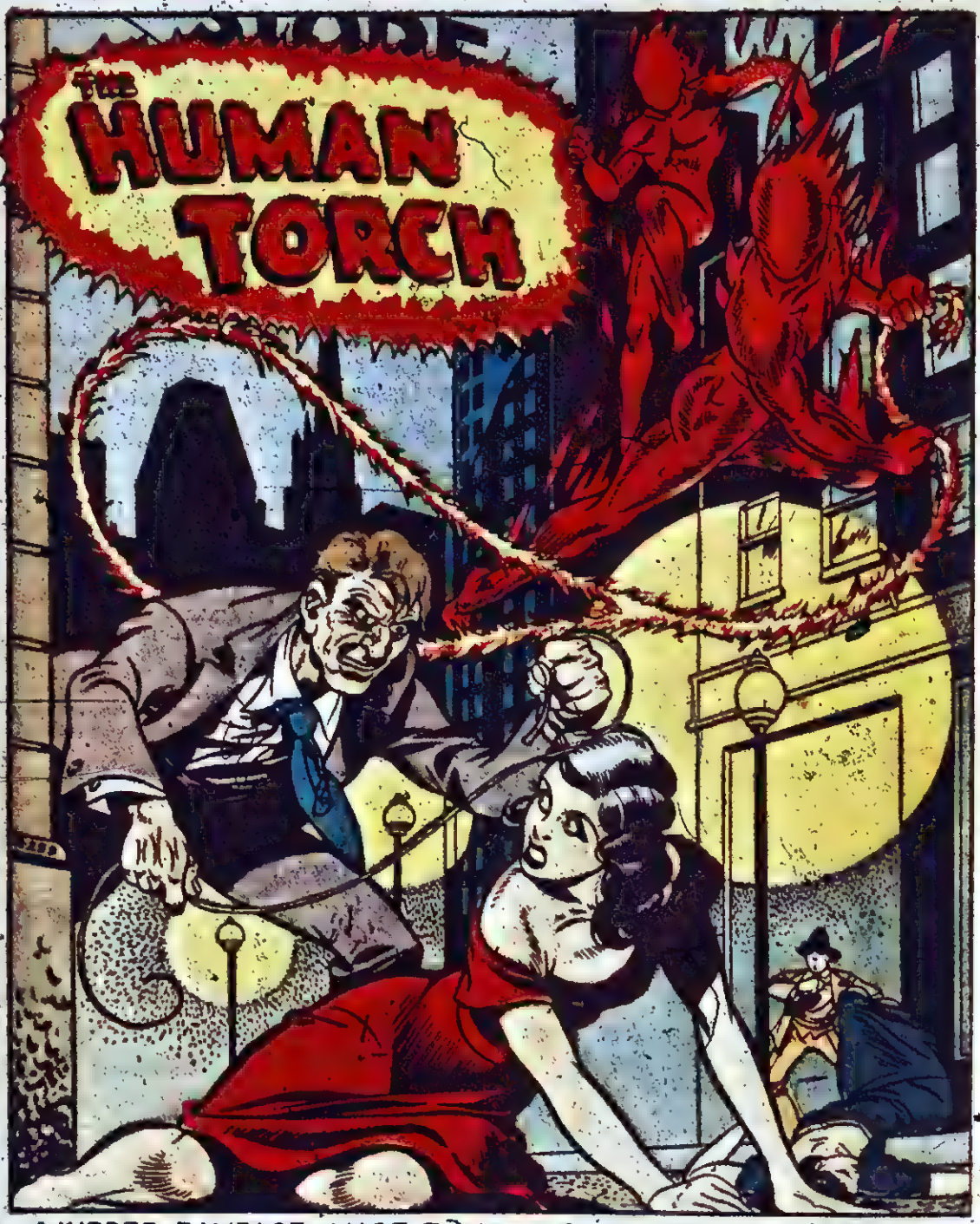

MURDER RAMPAGE--MADE BY A MAN'S SECOND SELF BURSTING ITS BONDS--BENT ON A PATH OF MAD DESTRUCTION! YES, THIS IS A STORY OF A MAN'S OTHER SELF, RESULTING IN ONE OF THE STRANGEST CASES EVER RECORDED! A STARTLING FIENDISH MYSTERY--BAFFLING--UNTIL THOSE CRIME-CRUSHERS TORCH AND TORO SMASH IN TO SOLVE THE CASE OF THE

JEKYLL-HYDE MURDERS!

NIGHT AND A GRUESOME SHAPE PROWLS PERILOUSLY.
I MUST KILL! I'M DRIVEN TO IT BY SOMETHING BEYOND MYSELF! I MUST KILL--NOW!
NO! NO!
OH
YET MOMENTS LATER, NIGHT BECOMES BRILLIANT LIGHT AND THE "KILLER" A NORMAL MAN.
BRAVO
WONDERFUL
A GREAT PERFORMANCE!
AMONG THE ENTHUSIASTIC AUDIENCE ARE THE 2 CRIME-FIGHTERS TORCH AND TORO.
GOSH, THE LAST NIGHT OF THE SHOW! KENYON DID A SWELL JOB AS BOTH JEKYLL AND HYDE!
YES, LET'S GO BACKSTAGE AND CONGRATULATE HIM.
I'M PLEASED THAT YOU ENJOYED THE SHOW. OH, I'D LIKE YOU TO MEET MY FIANCEE, LAURA LANG. WE'LL BE MARRIED SATURDAY.
YES, THE SHOW'S CLOSING AFTER A RUN OF 2 YRS. IT'S BEEN A BIG STRAIN ON EDMUND.
SNAP
THE WAY EDMUND CHANGED FROM JEKYLL TO HYDE WAS TOO GRUESOME. I DIDN'T LIKE IT.
THE ROPE! LOOK OUT!
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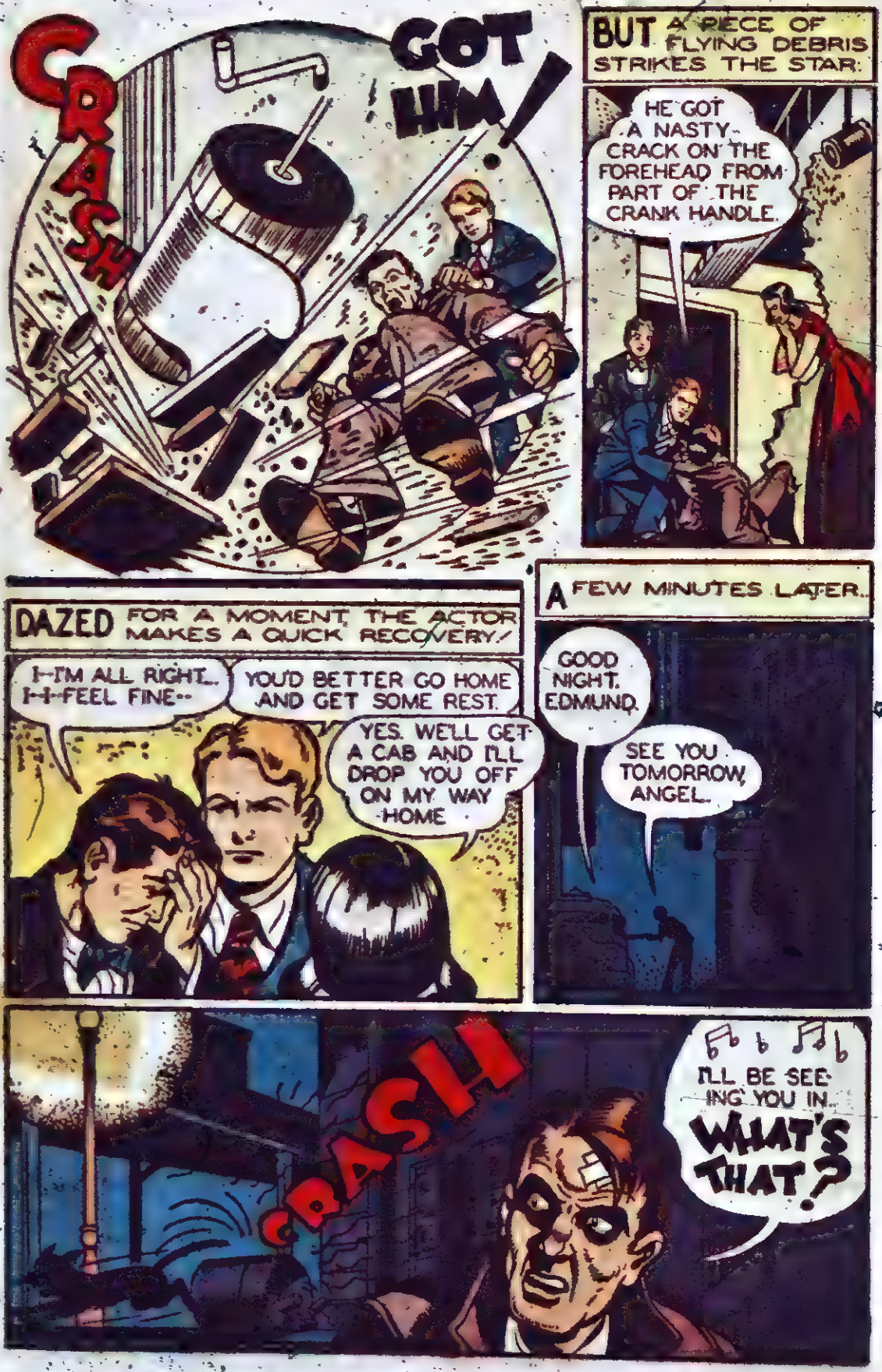
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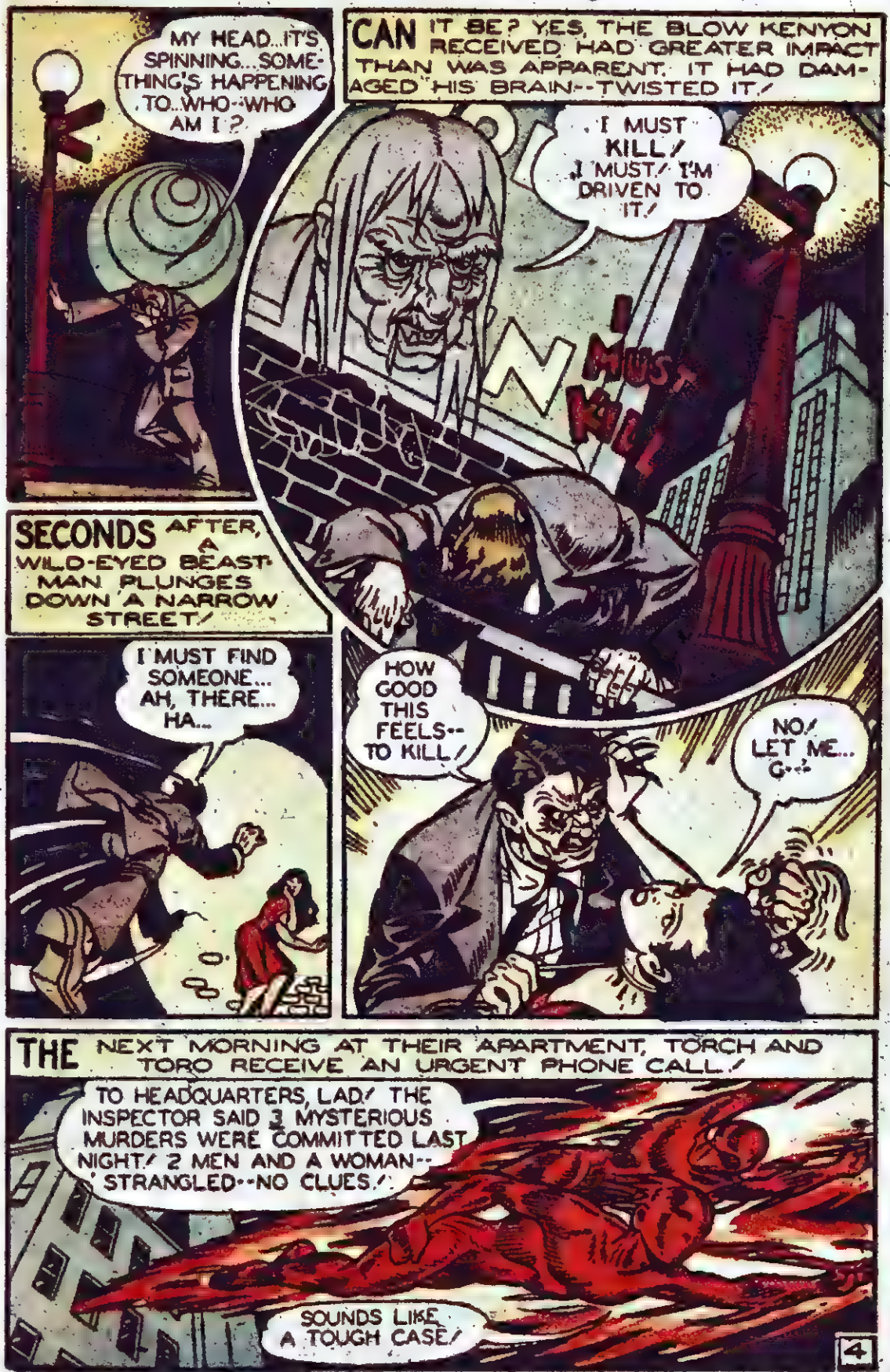
GOT HIM!
BUT A PIECE OF FLYING DEBRIS STRIKES THE STAR.
HE GOT A NASTY CRACK ON THE FOREHEAD FROM PART OF THE CRANK HANDLE.
DAZED FOR A MOMENT, THE ACTOR MAKES A QUICK RECOVERY.
I-I'M ALL RIGHT. I-I-FEEL FINE--
YOU'D BETTER GO HOME AND GET SOME REST.
YES. WE'LL GET A CAB AND I'LL DROP YOU OFF ON MY WAY HOME.
A FEW MINUTES LATER.
GOOD NIGHT, EDMUND.
SEE YOU TOMORROW, ANGEL.
CRASH!!
I'LL BE SEEING YOU IN...
WHAT'S THAT?


MY HEAD...IT'S SPINNING...SOMETHING'S HAPPENING TO..WHO--WHO AM I?
CAN IT BE? YES, THE BLOW KENYON RECEIVED HAD GREATER IMPACT THAN WAS APPARENT. IT HAD DAMAGED HIS BRAIN--TWISTED IT./
I MUST KILL/ I MUST/ I'M DRIVEN TO IT/
I MUST KILL
SECONDS AFTER, A WILD-EYED BEAST-MAN PLUNGES DOWN A NARROW STREET/
I MUST FIND SOMEONE... AH, THERE... HA...
HOW GOOD THIS FEELS-- TO KILL/
NO/ LET ME... G...
THE NEXT MORNING AT THEIR APARTMENT, TORCH AND TORO RECEIVE AN URGENT PHONE CALL/
TO HEADQUARTERS, LAD/ THE INSPECTOR SAID 3 MYSTERIOUS MURDERS WERE COMMITTED LAST NIGHT/ 2 MEN AND A WOMAN-- STRANGLED--NO CLUES/
SOUNDS LIKE A TOUGH CASE/
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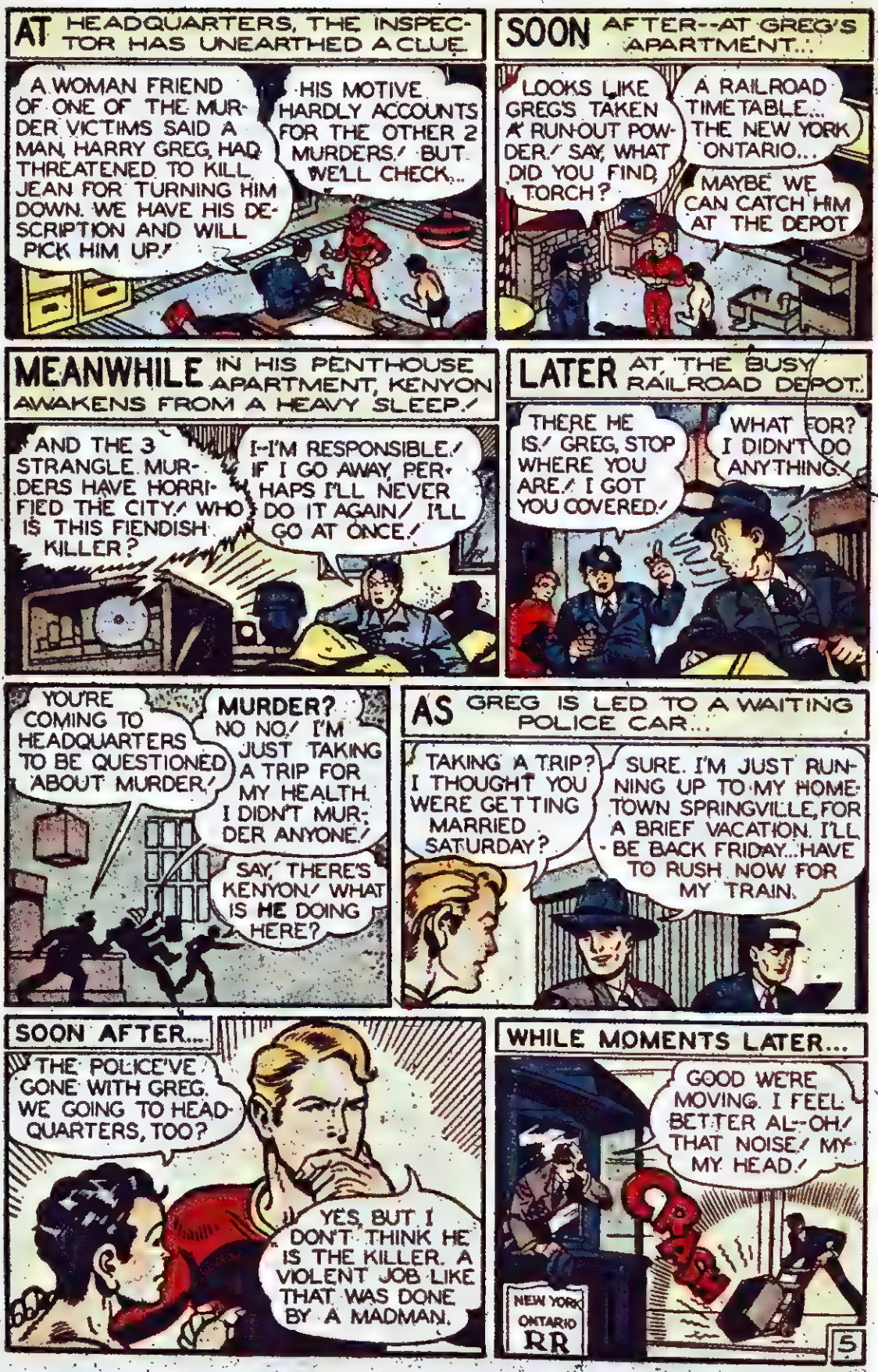
AT HEADQUARTERS, THE INSPECTOR HAS UNEARTHED A CLUE
A WOMAN FRIEND OF ONE OF THE MURDER VICTIMS SAID A MAN, HARRY GREG, HAD THREATENED TO KILL JEAN FOR TURNING HIM DOWN. WE HAVE HIS DESCRIPTION AND WILL PICK HIM UP!
HIS MOTIVE HARDLY ACCOUNTS FOR THE OTHER 2 MURDERS! BUT WE'LL CHECK...
SOON AFTER--AT GREG'S APARTMENT...
LOOKS LIKE GREG'S TAKEN A RUN-OUT POWDER! SAY, WHAT DID YOU FIND, TORCH?
A RAILROAD TIMETABLE... THE NEW YORK ONTARIO...
MAYBE WE CAN CATCH HIM AT THE DEPOT
MEANWHILE IN HIS PENTHOUSE APARTMENT, KENYON AWAKENS FROM A HEAVY SLEEP!
AND THE 3 STRANGLE MURDERS HAVE HORRIFIED THE CITY! WHO IS THIS FIENDISH KILLER?
I--I'M RESPONSIBLE! IF I GO AWAY, PERHAPS I'LL NEVER DO IT AGAIN! I'LL GO AT ONCE!
LATER AT THE BUSY RAILROAD DEPOT...
THERE HE IS! GREG, STOP WHERE YOU ARE! I GOT YOU COVERED!
WHAT FOR? I DIDN'T DO ANYTHING!
YOU'RE COMING TO HEADQUARTERS TO BE QUESTIONED ABOUT MURDER!
MURDER? NO NO! I'M JUST TAKING A TRIP FOR MY HEALTH. I DIDN'T MURDER ANYONE!
SAY, THERE'S KENYON! WHAT IS HE DOING HERE?
AS GREG IS LED TO A WAITING POLICE CAR...
TAKING A TRIP? I THOUGHT YOU WERE GETTING MARRIED SATURDAY?
SURE. I'M JUST RUNNING UP TO MY HOMETOWN SPRINGVILLE, FOR A BRIEF VACATION. I'LL BE BACK FRIDAY...HAVE TO RUSH NOW FOR MY TRAIN.
SOON AFTER...
THE POLICE'VE GONE WITH GREG. WE GOING TO HEADQUARTERS, TOO?
YES, BUT I DON'T THINK HE IS THE KILLER. A VIOLENT JOB LIKE THAT WAS DONE BY A MADMAN.
WHILE MOMENTS LATER...
GOOD WE'RE MOVING. I FEEL BETTER AL--OH! THAT NOISE! MY MY HEAD!
CRASH
NEW YORK ONTARIO RR
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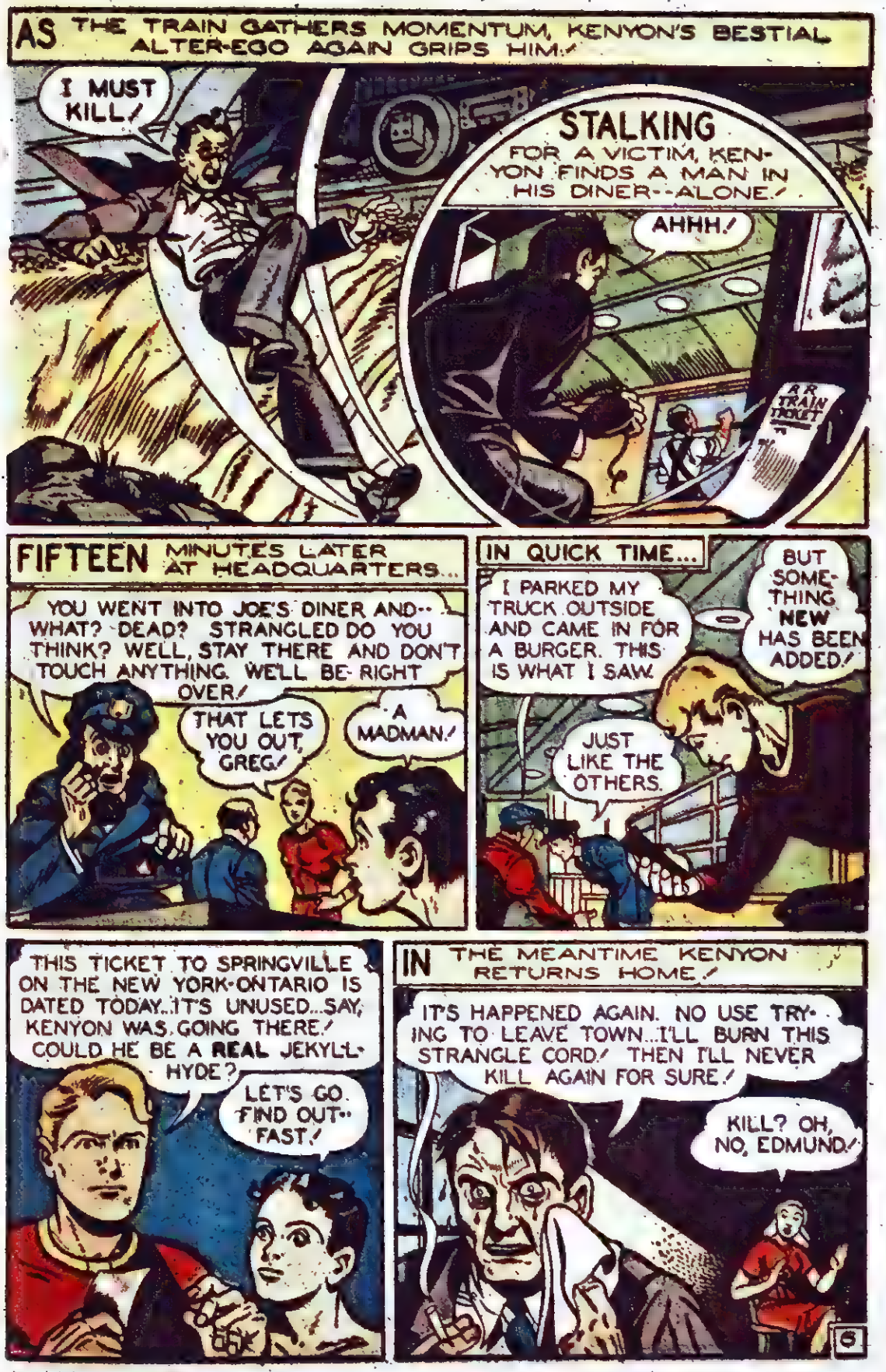
AS THE TRAIN GATHERS MOMENTUM, KENYON'S BESTIAL ALTER-EGO AGAIN GRIPS HIM!
I MUST KILL!
STALKING FOR A VICTIM, KENYON FINDS A MAN IN HIS DINER--ALONE!
AHHH!
A.R. TRAIN TICKET
FIFTEEN MINUTES LATER AT HEADQUARTERS...
YOU WENT INTO JOE'S DINER AND-- WHAT? DEAD? STRANGLED DO YOU THINK? WELL, STAY THERE AND DON'T TOUCH ANYTHING. WE'LL BE RIGHT OVER!
THAT LETS YOU OUT, GREG!
A MADMAN!
IN QUICK TIME...
I PARKED MY TRUCK OUTSIDE AND CAME IN FOR A BURGER. THIS IS WHAT I SAW.
BUT SOMETHING NEW HAS BEEN ADDED!
JUST LIKE THE OTHERS.
THIS TICKET TO SPRINGVILLE ON THE NEW YORK-ONTARIO IS DATED TODAY...IT'S UNUSED...SAY, KENYON WAS GOING THERE! COULD HE BE A REAL JEKYLL-HYDE?
LET'S GO. FIND OUT-- FAST!
IN THE MEANTIME KENYON RETURNS HOME!
IT'S HAPPENED AGAIN. NO USE TRYING TO LEAVE TOWN...I'LL BURN THIS STRANGLE CORD! THEN I'LL NEVER KILL AGAIN FOR SURE!
KILL? OH, NO, EDMUND!
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CONVULSED WITH PANIC AND RAGE, KENYON--STARTLED--WHIRLS TO FACE A FEARFUL GIRL..
I WAS WORRIED ABOUT YOU, DEAR. BUT YOU CAN'T-- YOUR FACE! IT'S CHANGING! YOU ARE THE MURDERER.
I CAN'T STOP NOW! I MUST KILL!
SWIFT SECONDS LATER A BLAZING DUO ROCKETING TO KEN-YON'S SUDDENLY SEES...
I'LL RELEASE YOU SLOWLY... AHH..WHAT A THRILL!
HELP
WE'VE GOT TO STOP HIM!
WE CAN'T TOUCH HIM OR HE'LL LET HER FALL AT ONCE.
THAT'S RIGHT..MMM, THAT WIRE..IT'S A CHANCE!
A LITTLE MORE AND IT WILL BE OVER FOR YOU!
A MOMENT LATER, THE KILLER RELEASES HIS HOLD ON HIS PREY, BUT A LASSO WHIPS OUT!
TORO!!
JUST IN TIME!
I'LL HAVE YOU UP IN A JIFFY! TORO, DON'T LET KENYON GET AWAY!
AND A FLASH SECOND LATER...
THAT'S STOPPED HIM! WOW, HE'S GOING OVER!
POOR EDMUND! IT WASN'T HIS FAULT
THE FATES PLAYED HIM A SLY TRICK BY PRODUCING THIS LAST ACT OF "JEKYLL AND HYDE."
THE END!

SUB-MARINER
HOSPITAL
EACH YEAR A DREAD DISEASE TAKES ITS MURDEROUS TOLL OF COUNTLESS THOUSANDS! GHASTLY -- DEADLY -- AGONIZING ITS HELPLESS VICTIMS! BUT SOMETHING CAN BE DONE TO STEM THE TERRIBLE TIDE OF FATALITIES -- AND THE DARING, CRUSADING SUBMARINER PROVES THAT "SOMETHING," AS HE PLUNGES INTO A FIGHT FOR LIFE AGAINST THE RUTHLESS BLOWS OF GANGSTER AVARICE OF ONE AMERICAN TOWN -- IN THE HARD-HITTING BATTLE OF "POLITICIANS IN CRIME!"

ENTERTOWN – AND DR. WHITING'S OFFICE...
MY PRIME MEDICAL INTEREST IS CANCER CONTROL! THIS CITY BADLY NEEDS A CANCER CLINIC, PROPERLY EQUIPPED -- AND, SUBMARINER, I NEED YOUR HELP!
WHAT CAN I DO?
HELP AWAKEN THE PUBLIC TO THE NEED OF SUCH A CLINIC, SO THAT THEY WILL PUT PRESSURE ON OUR CITY ALDERMEN TO APPROPRIATE MONEY FOR IT -- A BIG ALLOTMENT IS TO GO THROUGH SHORTLY, FOR ROAD CONSTRUCTION!
18 CANCER DEATHS PER HOUR 170,000 AMERICANS DIE OF CANCER EACH YEAR!
AND YOU WANT TO SWING THEIR VOTE TO THE CLINIC APPROPRIATION?
YES! EACH YEAR MONEY'S SET APART FOR SOMETHING TO BE BUILT IN STONE -- BUT HUMAN LIFE IS SADLY NEGLECTED!
WITH YOUR POPULARITY, THE PUBLIC'S MORE APT TO LISTEN TO THE SERIOUS FACTS!
I'M CONVINCED YOUR CAUSE IS GOOD -- SHAKE!
TWO DAYS LATER -- IN THE OFFICE OF THE HARD-ROCK CONSTRUCTION COMPANY...
LECTURE TONIGHT, EH? WE'LL SEE ABOUT THAT.... RING FOR THE BOYS, AMBROSE!
SURE, BOSS....
NEED FOR CANCER CLINIC APPROPRIATION STRESSED BY SUBMARINER AND DR. WHITING IN LECTURE LAST NIGHT. BIG CROWD ATTENDS LECTURE AT TOWN HALL TONIGHT.
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THE PUBLIC'S BENDING AN EAR TO THIS CLINIC CAMPAIGN -- WE'RE SET TO GET THE BID, ONCE THE ROAD CONSTRUCTION MONEY GOES THROUGH! IT'S OUR JOB RIGHT NOW TO SEE IT GOES THROUGH -- TAKE THIS MEETING TONIGHT...
WE'LL TAKE IT, BOSS! WE'LL TAKE IT OVER!
YEH -- LEAVE IT TA US!
THA NIGHT!
CANCER IS ABNORMAL GROWTH OF THE BODY CELLS -- IT BEGINS.. LIKE A SMALL WEED -- IN ONE SPOT -- AND IF CAUGHT IN ITS EARLY STAGE THERE IS A SPLENDID CHANCE TO CURE IT! MORE THAN 85% OF EARLY-STAGE CASES ARE CURABLE, WHILE LESS THAN 25% OF LATE-STAGE CASES HAVE PROVED FATAL -- THAT'S WHY...
REMEMBER, THERE ARE ONLY 3 PROVEN METHODS OF TREATMENT -- SURGERY, X-RAY, AND RADIUM! NO OTHER -- AND THIS IS WHY...
HERE COMES THE PUNCH... HA-HA...
A CANCER CLINIC WOULD BE A WORTHY THING HERE -- YOU, THE PEOPLE -- WIRE YOUR ALDERMEN TONIGHT!
SURE! TO GIVE DR. WHITING THE GRAVY! I KNOW HIS KIND OF RACKET -- ORDER COSTLY RADIUM AND GET KICK-BACKS!
THAT'S A LIE! IT'S... OH!
AND THAT'S WHAT I THINK OF YOUR RACKET!
DROP THE EGG, YEGG! WHO PUT YOU UP TO THIS?
NOTHING BUT COMMON SENSE, WISE GUY! HE'S RIGHT -- I KNOW BECAUSE I GOT A BROTHER WHAT'S AN INVESTIGATOR! HE FOUND OUT A LOT ABOUT WHITING'S PAST WITH KICK-BACKS!
SMACK
SOCK!
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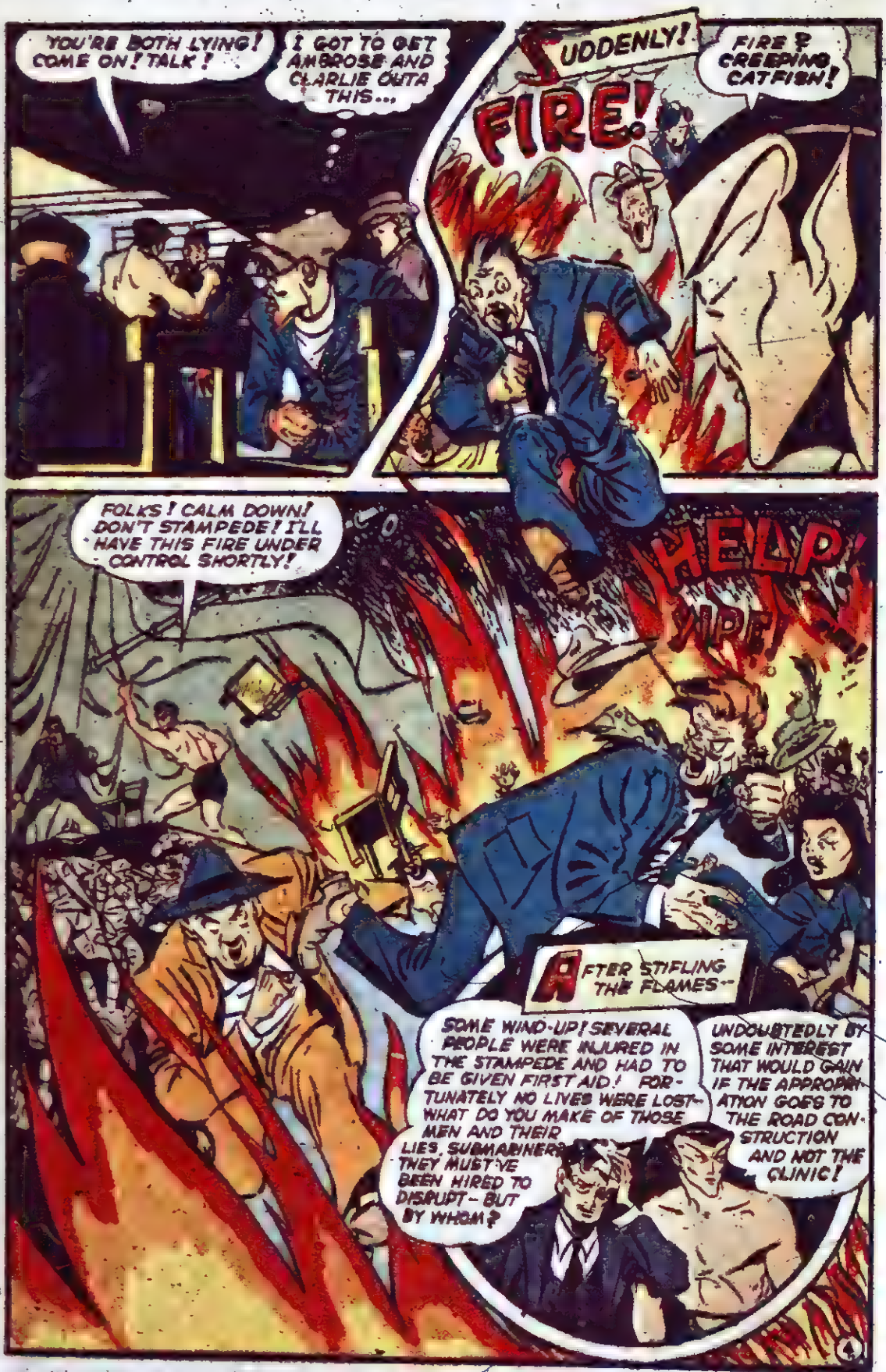
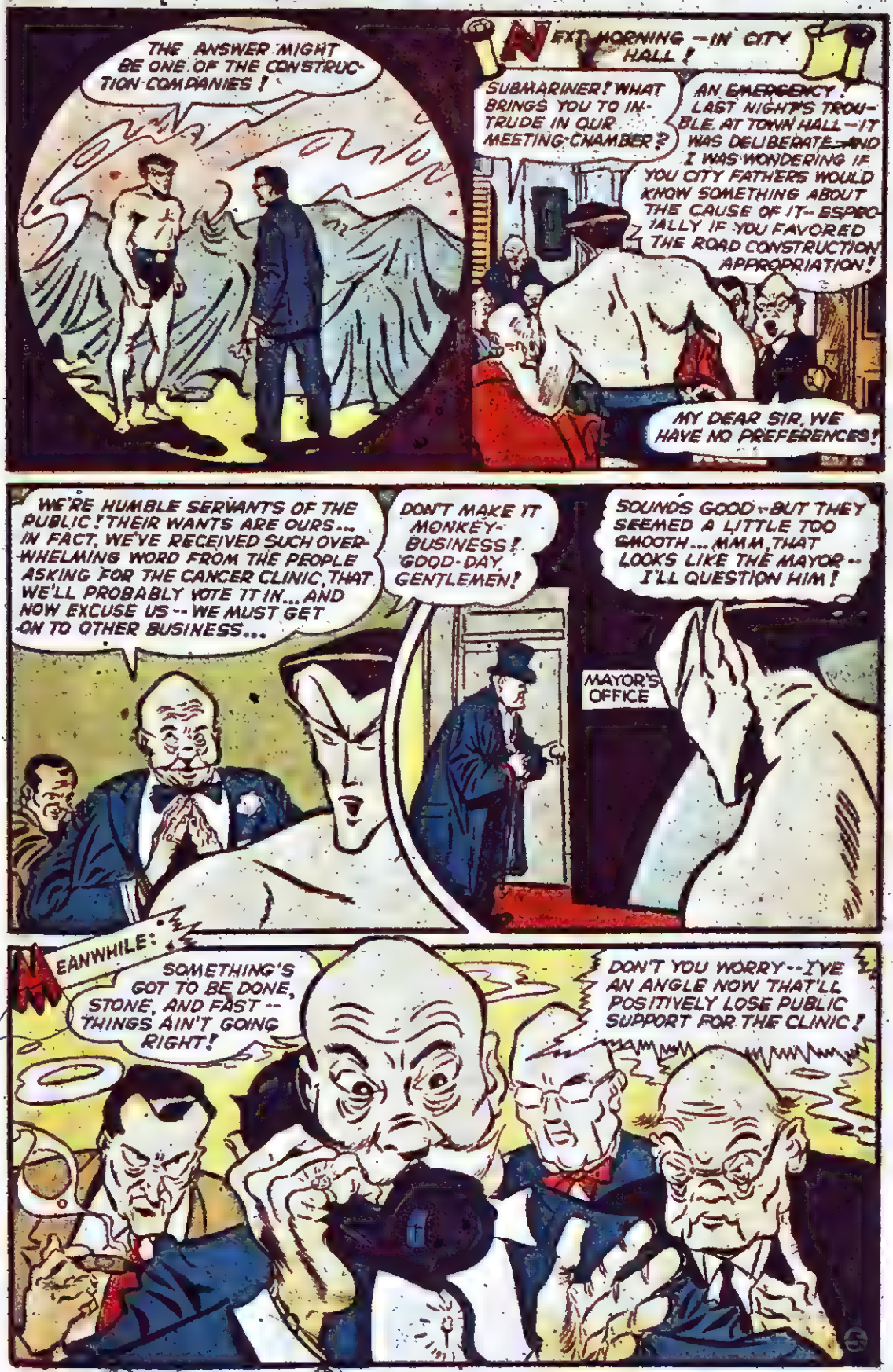

YOU'RE BOTH LYING! COME ON! TALK!
I GOT TO GET AMBROSE AND CLARLIE OUTA THIS...
SUDDENLY!
FIRE!
FIRE? CREEPING CATFISH!
FOLKS! CALM DOWN! DON'T STAMPEDE! I'LL HAVE THIS FIRE UNDER CONTROL SHORTLY!
HELP! FIRE!
AFTER STIFLING THE FLAMES--
SOME WIND-UP! SEVERAL PEOPLE WERE INJURED IN THE STAMPEDE AND HAD TO BE GIVEN FIRST AID! FORTUNATELY NO LIVES WERE LOST-- WHAT DO YOU MAKE OF THOSE MEN AND THEIR LIES, SUBMARINER? THEY MUST'VE BEEN HIRED TO DISRUPT-- BUT BY WHOM?
UNDOUBTEDLY BY SOME INTEREST THAT WOULD GAIN IF THE APPROPRIATION GOES TO THE ROAD CONSTRUCTION AND NOT THE CLINIC!


THE ANSWER MIGHT BE ONE OF THE CONSTRUCTION COMPANIES!
NEXT MORNING -- IN CITY HALL!
SUBMARINER! WHAT BRINGS YOU TO INTRUDE IN OUR MEETING CHAMBER?
AN EMERGENCY! LAST NIGHT'S TROUBLE AT TOWN HALL -- IT WAS DELIBERATE -- AND I WAS WONDERING IF YOU CITY FATHERS WOULD KNOW SOMETHING ABOUT THE CAUSE OF IT -- ESPECIALLY IF YOU FAVORED THE ROAD CONSTRUCTION APPROPRIATION!
MY DEAR SIR, WE HAVE NO PREFERENCES!
WE'RE HUMBLE SERVANTS OF THE PUBLIC! THEIR WANTS ARE OURS... IN FACT, WE'VE RECEIVED SUCH OVERWHELMING WORD FROM THE PEOPLE ASKING FOR THE CANCER CLINIC, THAT WE'LL PROBABLY VOTE IT IN... AND NOW EXCUSE US -- WE MUST GET ON TO OTHER BUSINESS...
DON'T MAKE IT MONKEY-BUSINESS! GOOD-DAY, GENTLEMEN!
SOUNDS GOOD -- BUT THEY SEEMED A LITTLE TOO SMOOTH... MMM, THAT LOOKS LIKE THE MAYOR -- I'LL QUESTION HIM!
MAYOR'S OFFICE
MEANWHILE:
SOMETHING'S GOT TO BE DONE, STONE, AND FAST -- THINGS AIN'T GOING RIGHT!
DON'T YOU WORRY -- I'VE AN ANGLE NOW THAT'LL POSITIVELY LOSE PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR THE CLINIC!

THE APPROPRIATION? I'VE NOTHING TO DO WITH IT... BUT OFF THE RECORD I'M NOT IN FAVOR OF IT! MOST AILMENTS ARE IMAGINARY! NATURE--AIR AND EXERCISE--ARE THE BEST CURE! NEVER SEE ME COMPLAIN--I'M HEALTHY, TAKE MY CONSTITUTIONAL EVERY DAY! RIGHT NOW I'M ON MY WAY TO MY DOCTOR'S FOR MY WEEKLY CHECK-UP AND DO I RIDE? NO SIREE! I WALK--8 BLOCKS--NOW PARDON ME!
SO, THE MAYOR DOESN'T BELIEVE IN MEDICAL CARE... WELL, I'LL GO OUT AND TALK TO PEOPLE...
AT THE SAME TIME...
I HAVE ALL MY PAST RECORDS TO PROVE I...
WHAT--A GUN!
FORCED TO OBEY, THE CAPTIVE DOCTOR FINDS HIMSELF DRIVEN TO A CERTAIN BUILDING--WHERE--
SO YOU DON'T WANT TO WRITE THE KIND OF LETTER WE WANT?
OF COURSE NOT! YOU WANT ME TO WRITE LIES!
AFTER THIS DOUBLE INJECTION OF SODIUM SOMYTAL YOU'LL HAVE NO CHOICE! YOU'LL BE HYPNOTIZED!
YOU'LL WRITE EXACTLY AS I DICTATE!
I'LL WRITE--EXACTLY--AS---
LATER... AMBROSE TAKES THE LETTER TO THE CITY EDITOR'S OFFICE...
WHEW! THIS IS HOT! IT'S A GOOD THING YOU FOUND THIS NOW!
my clinic plan is going better than I expected because I received the help of submariner. The clinic will be very well equipped. Radium purchases alone will make plenty of money... when I'll take it for twice the buying price. Sincerely, Jim Whitney

LATER:
THEY HAD TO MAKE TESTS ON WHITING'S HANDWRITING! THEY'RE SURE NOW... THE PRESS IS PUTTING ON AN EXTRA EDITION! WHAT A BRAINSTORM YOU HAD, BOSS!
EXTRA! SENSATIONAL LETTER EXPOSES DR. WHITING'S CLINIC SWINDLE—SUBMARINER DUPED INTO IT!
WUXTRA
AND WE WERE ALMOST TAKEN IN BY THAT DOCTOR!
But THE MOST ASTOUNDED ONE IS SUBMARINER!
I CAN'T BELIEVE ANYTHING AGAINST WHITING DESPITE THE EVIDENCE... I'M GOING RIGHT OVER TO HIS OFFICE!
SUBMARINER! I'M A REPORTER ON CITIZENS' DAILY! LET'S HAVE A STATEMENT!
WE CAN'T GET ANY FROM WHITING! HE CAN'T BE LOCATED ANYPLACE! HOW'D YOU FEEL ABOUT BEING DUPED?
I WASN'T DUPED!
YOU WERE IN ON IT?
NO! AND I'M SURE JIM WHITING HAD NO RACKET EITHER! HE'S SINCERE, WORKING ONLY FOR THE PEOPLE'S INTERESTS. YOU SAY HE CAN'T BE FOUND? THAT'S THE ANSWER—SOMETHING'S HAPPENED TO HIM!
HE BLEW TOWN WHEN HE WAS FOUND OUT! THAT'S THE ANSWER--AND THAT'S HOW WE'RE GOING TO PRINT IT!

I'M SURE WHITING'S VICTIM OF A PLOT TO BREAK UP THE CLINIC PLAN — BUT I'VE NOTHING DEFINITE TO GO ON... OH, OH... A WOMAN WEEPER... WONDER WHAT....?
DR. SPLEEN (SOB) FOUND OUT MY HUSBAND HAS CANCER — BUT MY HUSBAND CAME TO HIM IN TOO LATE A STAGE TO BE CURED! WE THOUGHT IT WAS NOTHING SERIOUS AND COULDN'T AFFORD MEDICAL ATTENTION... NOW MY TOM WILL DIE! (SOB) I DON'T CARE WHAT THEY SAY AGAINST DR. WHITING — HE'S RIGHT ABOUT THE PUBLIC NEED FOR CANCER CARE!
YOU BET!
MAYBE I CAN STILL DO SOMETHING. I'LL GO BACK TO THE ALDERMEN!
AT THAT MOMENT...
HA-HA — AS IF WE DON'T KNOW WHAT IT'LL BE!
WE'RE SWAMPED WITH THE RIGHT KIND OF TELEGRAMS AND PHONE CALLS NOW — GENTLEMEN, WE ARE READY FOR THE VOTE!
REPORTERS... AN ANNOUNCEMENT! THE ROAD CONSTRUCTION APPROPRIATION HAS BEEN UNANIMOUSLY VOTED IN! BIDS WERE SUBMITTED THESE PAST WEEK'S FROM SEVERAL COMPANIES SHOULD THE ALLOTMENT GO THROUGH! SO WE ARE NOW PREPARED TO NAME THE COMPANY AWARDED THE CONTRACT!
THIS SHOULD BE INTERESTING!
THE HARD-ROCK CONSTRUCTION CO., 42 WATERS ST., HAS SUBMITTED THE LOWEST BID! $225,000 — WHICH IS $50,000 LESS THAN THE NEXT LOWEST! NATURALLY, WE WANT TO SAVE THE TAX-PAYERS MONEY SO HARD-ROCK GETS THE CONTRACT!
VERY INTERESTING — AND HARD-ROCK GETS A VISIT FROM ME!
I'VE GOT TO FIND OUT IF THERE'S A "FIX" BETWEEN THIS PLACE AND THE ALDERMEN! SOMETHING'S PHONY! BUT I NEED PROOF!
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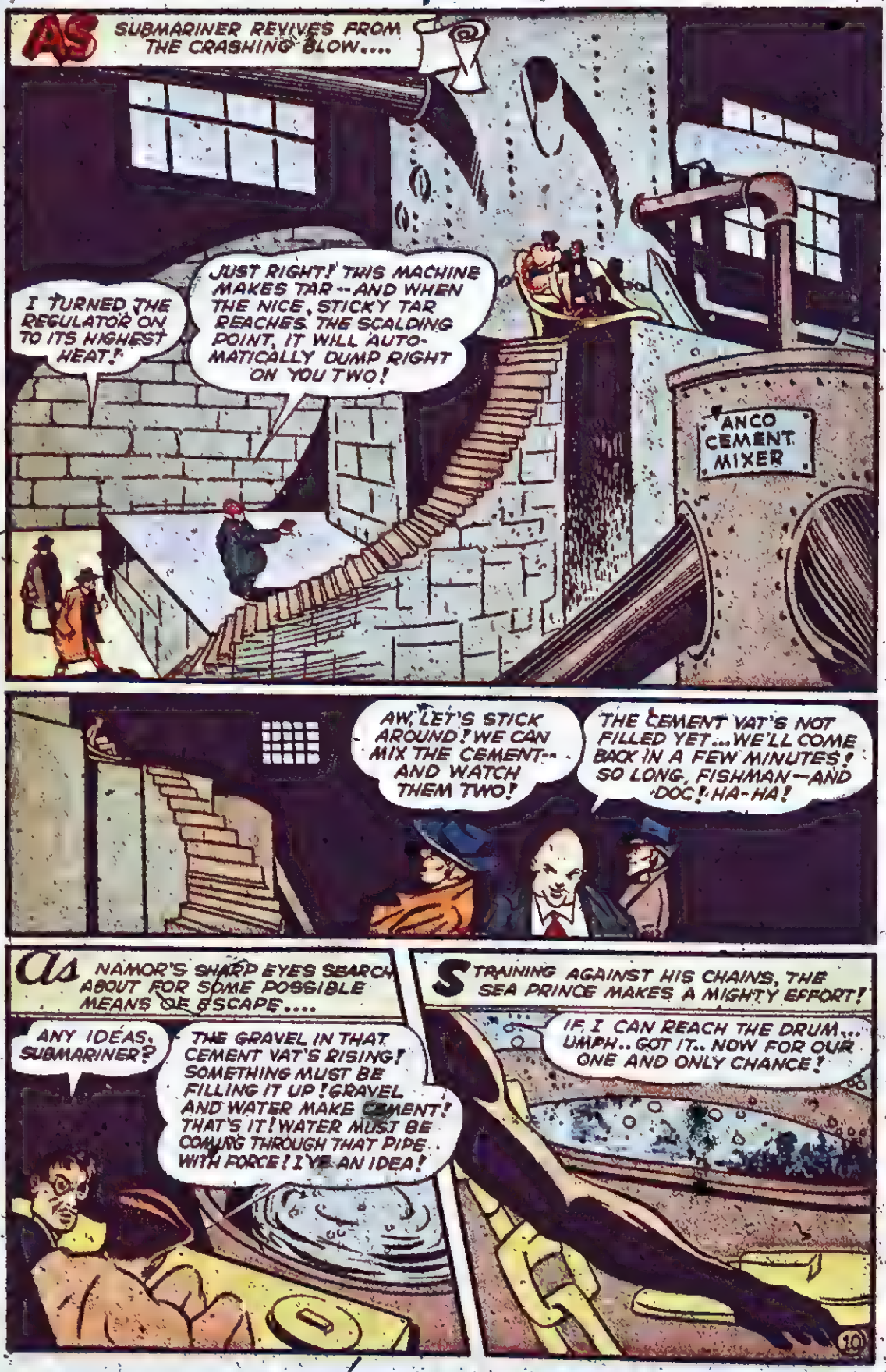
OH..OH!
THE FISH-FACE! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
4-POINT LANDING! AND NOW TO GET THAT ESTIMATE SHEET!
THE COMPANY WILL CHARGE PLENTY FOR THE EXTRA STUFF NEEDED, PROBABLY IN LEAGUE WITH THE ALDERMEN! NO WONDER, THE BID WAS LOW!
PUT THAT PAPER DOWN, FISHMAN!
WHITING!
SUBMARINER! THESE FIENDS HYPNOTIZED ME TO WRITE A TERRIBLE LETTER!
SHUT UP!
THE SEA PRINCE PAUSES, RELUCTANT TO RISK THE DOCTOR'S LIFE...
THIS MIXER'LL SHOW YOU NOT TO MIX IN OUR BUSINESS!
GOOD! DUMP THEM INTO THE WORK-PIT!
CRASH!


AS SUBMARINER REVIVES FROM THE CRASHING BLOW....
I TURNED THE REGULATOR ON TO ITS HIGHEST HEAT!
JUST RIGHT! THIS MACHINE MAKES TAR--AND WHEN THE NICE, STICKY TAR REACHES THE SCALDING POINT, IT WILL AUTOMATICALLY DUMP RIGHT ON YOU TWO!
ANCO CEMENT MIXER
AW, LET'S STICK AROUND! WE CAN MIX THE CEMENT-- AND WATCH THEM TWO!
THE CEMENT VAT'S NOT FILLED YET...WE'LL COME BACK IN A FEW MINUTES! SO LONG, FISHMAN--AND DOC! HA-HA!
As NAMOR'S SHARP EYES SEARCH ABOUT FOR SOME POSSIBLE MEANS OF ESCAPE....
ANY IDEAS, SUBMARINER?
THE GRAVEL IN THAT CEMENT VAT'S RISING! SOMETHING MUST BE FILLING IT UP! GRAVEL AND WATER MAKE CEMENT! THAT'S IT! WATER MUST BE COMING THROUGH THAT PIPE WITH FORCE! I'VE AN IDEA!
S TRAINING AGAINST HIS CHAINS, THE SEA PRINCE MAKES A MIGHTY EFFORT!
IF I CAN REACH THE DRUM... UMPH.. GOT IT.. NOW FOR OUR ONE AND ONLY CHANCE!
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As THE MASSIVE WEIGHT CRASHES INTO THE CONTENTS OF THE VAT...
IT WORKED! WHAT A GEYSER! H_2O'S BROUGHT BACK MY STRENGTH FAST! NOW TO BURST MY CHAINS, AND....
THERE YOU ARE, DOC.... MOVE AWAY FAST!
IT'S ABOUT TIME FOR THE TAR TO... HEY! THEY'RE FREE!
JUST IN TIME! WE MISSED THE TAR BY A SECOND!
THIS TIME MY GUN WON'T MISS YOU!
BUT!
YOU ASKED FOR IT! YOU SCALD IN YOUR OWN JUICE! LET'S GO, DOC...
SUBMAR--- UGH!
THAT SETTLES YOUR HASH! YOUR CHUMS WERE COOKED TO A CRISP FINISH! NOW TO TIE THESE TWO UP AND PHONE THE POLICE... AND THERE'S MORE WORK TO BE DONE!
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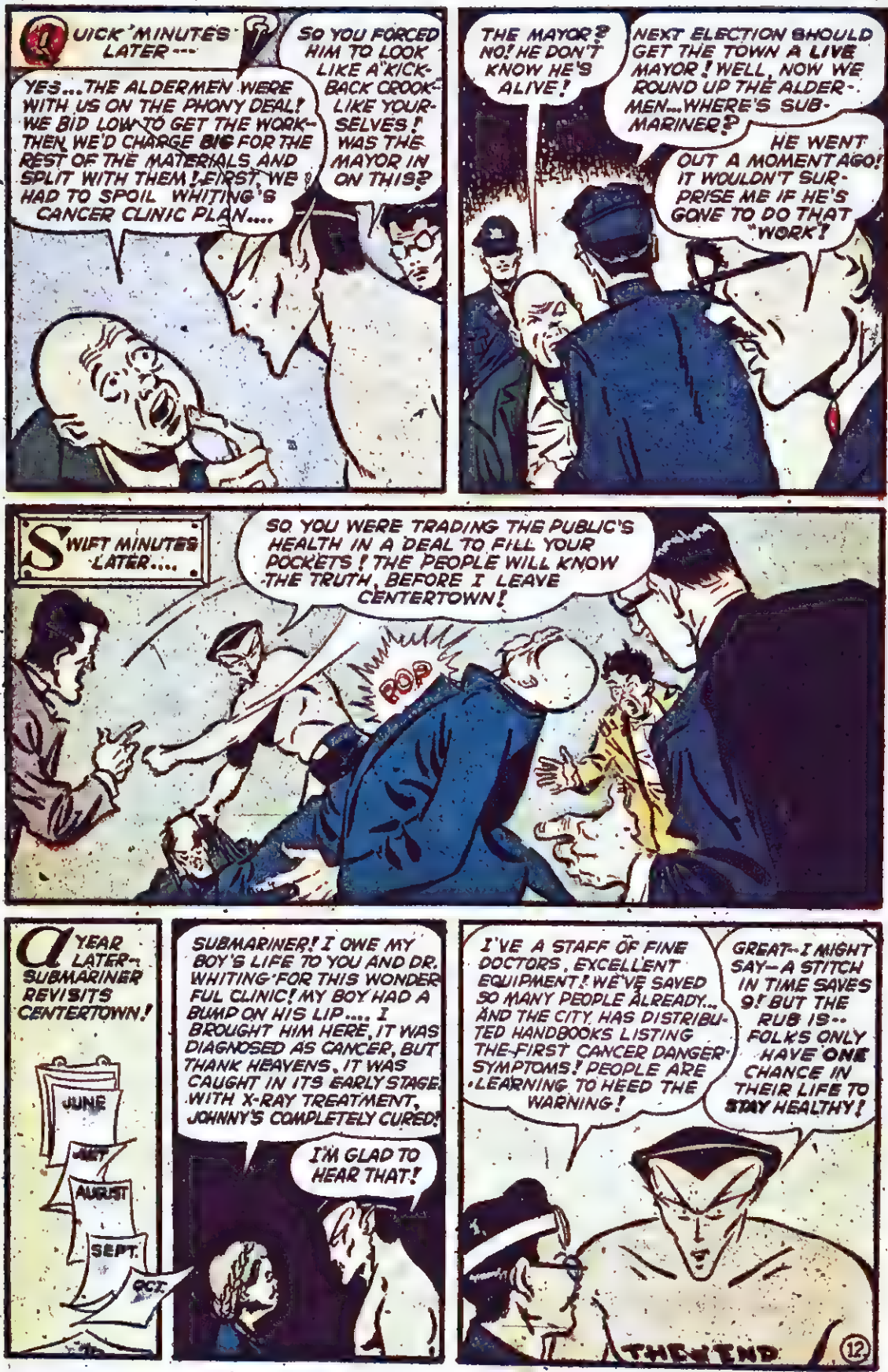
QUICK MINUTES LATER---
YES...THE ALDERMEN WERE WITH US ON THE PHONY DEAL! WE BID LOW TO GET THE WORK--THEN WE'D CHARGE BIG FOR THE REST OF THE MATERIALS AND SPLIT WITH THEM! FIRST, WE HAD TO SPOIL WHITING'S CANCER CLINIC PLAN....
SO YOU FORCED HIM TO LOOK LIKE A "KICK-BACK CROOK-LIKE YOURSELVES! WAS THE MAYOR IN ON THIS?
THE MAYOR? NO! HE DON'T KNOW HE'S ALIVE!
NEXT ELECTION SHOULD GET THE TOWN A LIVE MAYOR! WELL, NOW WE ROUND UP THE ALDERMEN...WHERE'S SUB-MARINER?
HE WENT OUT A MOMENT AGO! IT WOULDN'T SURPRISE ME IF HE'S GONE TO DO THAT "WORK"!
SWIFT MINUTES LATER....
SO YOU WERE TRADING THE PUBLIC'S HEALTH IN A DEAL TO FILL YOUR POCKETS! THE PEOPLE WILL KNOW THE TRUTH, BEFORE I LEAVE CENTERTOWN!
POP
A YEAR LATER--SUBMARINER REVISITS CENTERTOWN!
JUNE
JULY
AUGUST
SEPT.
OCT.
SUBMARINER! I OWE MY BOY'S LIFE TO YOU AND DR. WHITING FOR THIS WONDERFUL CLINIC! MY BOY HAD A BUMP ON HIS LIP.... I BROUGHT HIM HERE, IT WAS DIAGNOSED AS CANCER, BUT THANK HEAVENS, IT WAS CAUGHT IN ITS EARLY STAGE. WITH X-RAY TREATMENT, JOHNNY'S COMPLETELY CURED!
I'M GLAD TO HEAR THAT!
I'VE A STAFF OF FINE DOCTORS, EXCELLENT EQUIPMENT! WE'VE SAVED SO MANY PEOPLE ALREADY... AND THE CITY HAS DISTRIBUTED HANDBOOKS LISTING THE FIRST CANCER DANGER SYMPTOMS! PEOPLE ARE LEARNING TO HEED THE WARNING!
GREAT--I MIGHT SAY--A STITCH IN TIME SAVES 9! BUT THE RUB IS--FOLKS ONLY HAVE ONE CHANCE IN THEIR LIFE TO STAY HEALTHY!
THE END
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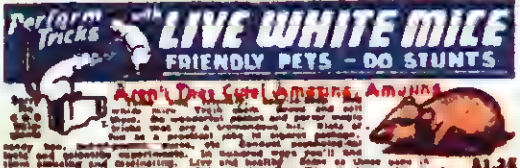

TALK SING PLAY

RADIO MIKE

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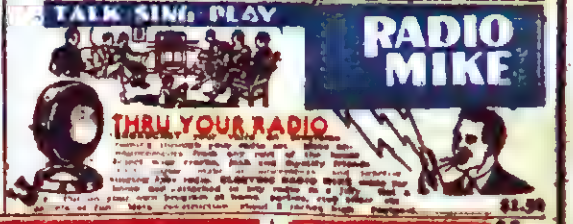

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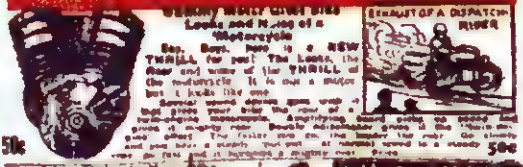

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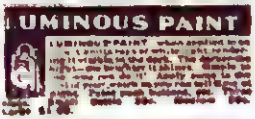

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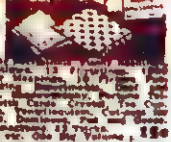

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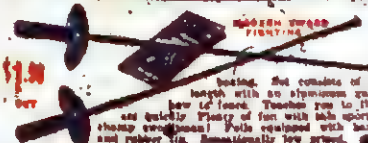

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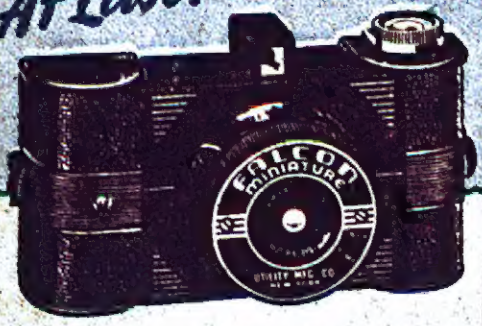

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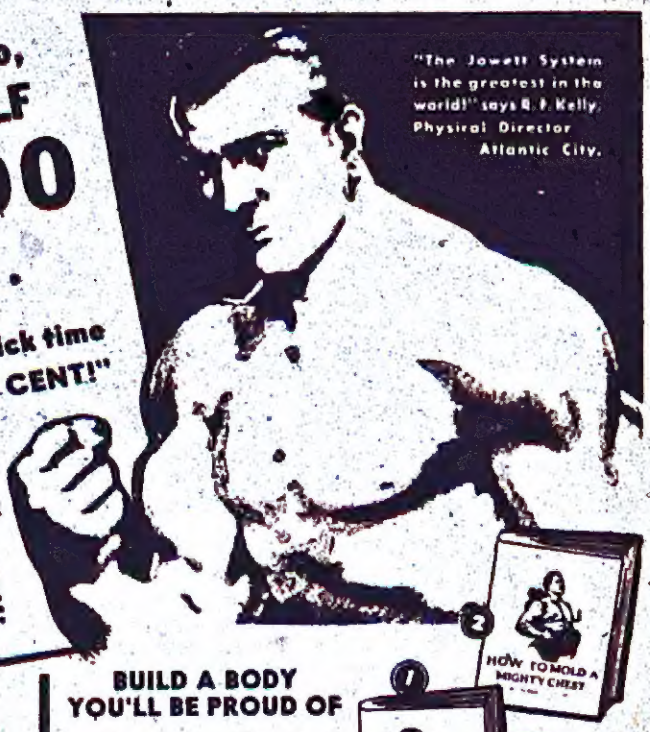

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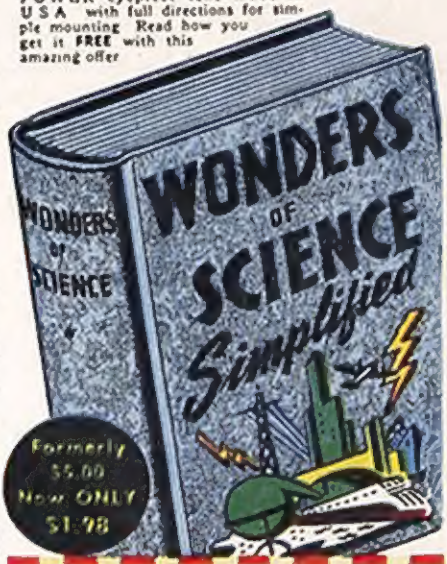

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